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program

The boston **SOCIAL FORUM** welcomes you

The organizing of the Boston Social Forum (BSF) began with a humble proposition: we do not have *the* answers, if the right people come together in the right way, they will develop at least some of the answers, and perhaps even a new societal vision. And certainly, they will build on existing organizing projects and create new ones. With this in mind, the **Boston Social Forum** welcomes both you and the World Social Forum (WSF) process.

Following the model of the WSF, the **Boston Social Forum** is not a platform, not an organization, but an "open space... a meeting place for reflective thinking, democratic debate of ideas, formulation of proposals, free exchange of experiences and interlinking for effective action by groups and movements... committed to building a society centered on the human person." While the Forum will issue no final statements or declarations binding on all its participants, it will doubtlessly spawn many projects and new relationships.

This is the case with the run-up to the forum, with events involving thousands and bringing personalities as diverse as Felix Arroyo, Michelle Shocked, Diane Dujon, Howard Zinn, Noam Chomsky, and Chuck Turner, and cultural moments including showings of *The Corporation* and *Fahrenheit 911* and a 24-hour 4th of July "Celebration of Interdependence" music-a-thon. Organizing stretched from the Socialist Scholars Conference in New York through to festivals in Maine, Rhode Island and New Hampshire. Social Forums from as far afield as Turkey and Brazil sent their greetings and best wishes for successful forum on American soil.

As with other social forums, a majority of the nearly 600 events listed in this program are self-proposed—autonomously developed by their sponsoring organizations and not coordinated by any central body. Nonetheless, the Forum also features a number of collaborations and conferences that developed as part of the **BSF**-planning process: an Active Arts Youth Conference, organized by hip-hop activists; an International Peace Conference, drawing activists, parliamentarians and organizers from Africa, Asia, Europe, and Latin America; three subject-area tracks—economy, immigration, and education—developed into full-fledged conferences (one with a bold and assertive title, "Other Economies Are Possible!"). Also organized are conferences

dealing with international crisis areas like Haiti and Palestine, and the Women's Web, exploring ideas from a woman's point of view. The major convocations of the **Boston Social Forum** will feature simultaneous translation into Spanish, ASL, and possibly other languages. Close attention has been paid to making the Forum compliant with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Future forums, however, will have to improve accessibility to people speaking languages other than English.

The events, organized into more than thirty subject areas, do not take place in a vacuum; instead, they address real problems associated with the neo-liberal package of deregulation and privatization, destruction of the public sector, punitive welfare and justice policies, and corporate globalization. The people of New England attending the forum will find that the real-life struggles they face—including the bankrupting of local government, outsourcing of their jobs, privatizing of their water and power, denial of their civil, labor and human rights—are reflected in the programming. They will also find many approaches to challenging the ultra-aggressive military posture of the United States, as it continues projects in Iraq and the greater Middle East, subverting democratically-elected governments in Venezuela and Haiti, all while averting its eye to ongoing genocides in Sudan and elsewhere.

Where the World *Social* Forum began as a positive response in the Global South (held Poto Alegre, Brazil) to the gathering of world capitalists in the World *Economic* Forum (held in Davos, Switzerland), the **Boston Social Forum** sharpens the contrast between the polar parties of Davos and Porto Alegre, held as it is on a public university, bringing together labor, peace activists, immigrants, people of color, environmentalists and intellectuals, all at the same time that one-half of the US power structure gathers in the same city, Boston. Speaking truth to power, the forum will demonstrate that another world is possible from within the proverbial belly of the beast. *Another world is possible.*

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Special Tours

Friday, July 23, 2004 Environmental Justice Walking Tour – Roxbury

While the media spotlight shines on downtown, residents in many of Boston's communities of color and lower income neighborhoods continue to struggle for a clean and healthy environment where they live, work and play. Join us on a walk through and around Roxbury's Dudley Square. We'll visit some of the key sites in the battle for better public transportation, breathable air, sustainable re-use of vacant or abandoned land. Your guides will be staff of Alternatives for Community & Environment (ACE), a Roxbury-based environmental justice group.

Please reserve your spot in advance by calling or emailing Warren Goldstein-Gelb at 617.442.3343 x231 or email: warren@ace-ej.org.

Meet at 10 am, July 23 (Tour will last about an hour and a half)

ACE office, 2181 Washington Street, Suite 301, Roxbury MA

Saturday, July 24, 2004 History of Roxbury—from Colonial Times to the present time with Byron Rushing, State representative, leader

Join Representative Byron Rushing, on an engaging and thought provoking tour highlighting Roxbury's history. We will journey back in time to learn about Roxbury's rich past—native peoples, colonialists, Roxbury's part in the American Revolution, the many immigrant groups who made Roxbury home, the African American and Caribbean migration, and the legacy of social activism and the struggle for justice and equality continuing today. Leaving from the iron sculpture at the entrance to UMASS. Cost \$6 Pre-register by calling 781-861-8893 or buy tickets on our website www.discoverroxbury.org. 5:45PM-7:30 PM



Convocations

Gymnasium-Clarck Athletic Center

Friday 23

7.00 pm to 9.00 pm

Billie Jean Young
Winona LaDuke
Rabbi Michael Lerner
Eric Mann
Paul Farmer
Angela Davis
Achin Vanaik
Manning Marable
Sangita Nayak

Saturday 24

10.00 am to 12.30 pm

Ruba Eid
Anna Burger
Granny D
Guglielmo Epifani
Walden Bello
Akinbode Oluwafemi
Robert Haynes
Diane Dujon
Margaret Prescod
Paolo du Marke

Sunday 25

12.30 pm to 2.30 pm

Robert Reich
Dennis Brutus
Sonia Sanchez
Shujaa Graham
Jim Hightower
Maude Barlow
Gyung-Lan Jung
Rae Street

Overall Schedule Outline

Friday, July 23rd

1:00 – 1:30 p.m. Registration Opens
1:30 – 3:00 p.m. Events I
3:00 – 4:30 p.m. Events II
4:30 – 6:30 p.m. Events III
6:30 – 7:00 p.m. Break
7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Opening Convocation
9:00 – midnight Community Based
Events/Concerts/etc

Saturday, July 24th

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Events IV
10:00 – 12:30 p.m. Saturday Convocation
12:30 – 1:00 p.m. Break
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Events V
3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Break
3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Events VI
5:30 – 6:00 p.m. Break
6:00 – 7:30 p.m. Events VII
7:30 – whenever Community Based
Events/Concerts/etc

Sunday, July 25th

8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Registration Opens
8:30 – 10:00 a.m. Events VIII
10:00 – 12:00 p.m. Events IX
12:00 – 12:30 p.m. Break
12:30 – 2:30 p.m. Closing Convocation
2:30 – 4:00 p.m. Events X

Tracks/Subject Areas

Tracks	Abbr.	Tracks	Abbr.	Tracks	Abbr.
Active Arts Youth Conference	AAYC	Funding Our Movement	FOM	Other Economies are Possible	OEAP
Anti-Poverty Track	AP	GLBT track	GLBT	Peace	PEAC
BSF Film Series	FILM	Global Justice	GLBJ	Science & Technology	SAT
Challenging Corporate Power	CCP	Haitian Development		Strategic Non-Violence	SNV
Climate Change	CLCH	Health	HLTH	Student & Youth	SAY
Criminal Justice/Domestic Repression	CJDR	Immigration	IMM	Water	WAT
Culture	CUL	International Peace Conference - A World Working Together For Peace	IPC	Women's Liberation	WOML
Democracy	DEM	Israel-Palestine Conference	ISPA	Women's Web/Feminist Agenda	WWFA
Economy	ECON	Lifestyles & Personal Choices	LPC		
Education	EDU	Localization	LOC		
Environment	ENV	Media	MED		
Faith	FAI	Movement Building	MVTB		
Fund the Dream	FTD				

Special Offsite Events

Friday, July 23, 2004, 8:00-10:00 p.m.

Play: Fannie Lou Hamer's "This Little Light of Mine"
hosted by City Councillors Felix Arroyo, Chuck Turner and Charles Yancey
The Harriet Tubman House
565 Columbus Ave, Boston, MA 02118
Free

Saturday, July 24, 2004, 8:00 p.m - 2:00 a.m

Benefit/Party: Another World is Possible
The Middle East Restaurant/Club & T.T. the Bear's Place
Performances by Billy Bragg, The Foundation, The Reagan Babies & many more.
\$30, tickets available from the Middle East and via Ticketmaster

Convergence Zones

More than the events listed in this program, the forum is about spontaneous networking and relationship building. To facilitate this process, the organizers have designated a "convergence zone directory." At this location, anyone can choose a space on the BSF site and list it as a meeting space for people who share their outlooks and/or identities and/or intellectual interests and/or geographies. Visit to directory to see spaces that others have created or to initiate one of your own.

Exhibits and Cultural Activities

Exhibit
ISPA
Contact Information:
Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace
Despina Moutsouris
I/Taskforce@justicewithpeace.org

A Forgotten Population
Through a stunning retrospective of 11" x 14" black and white photographs printed on archival fiber paper, Palestinian photographer Rania Matar takes us on a poignant and eye opening journey through the heavily populated refugee camps of Lebanon. According to Rania, "I started photographing the Palestinian Refugee Camps in Lebanon and Syria in 2002 when I intended to document Chatila 20 years after the massacres of 1982. The reality I saw in the camps was far worse than what I expected and I decided to photograph and document more camps around Lebanon and Syria as well. The Palestinians in the camps live in very difficult conditions. They are not allowed to work outside the camps and the little help they get from the UN is dwindling due to financial difficulties. These photos are meant for humanitarian reasons, to give a voice to the often ignored Palestinian refugees and bring back their humanity. The photographs are part of an ongoing project documenting the lives of these refugees." Rania Matar, Photographer Contact: RaniaMA@aol.com

Cultural Activity
CUL OTH
Contact Information:
Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band
Bob Follansbee
bobmoshe@aol.com

Brass Band Performance
We (the Second Line Social Aid and Pleasure Society Brass Band, or SL SAPS) would like to provide a big musical kick-off to Friday night's opening session of the BSF. We are a New Orleans style brass band that plays for progressive and civic causes. Our "mission" is to bring joy and a sense of fun to activities that often have a serious purpose related to promoting justice and civil society. Our idea for the BSF, and usual modus operandi, would be to play at the entrance of the venue (building or hall) of your opening session for awhile to welcome people in and get them primed, then at some appointed time, march in while playing something rousing and sing-along like "Down by the Riverside." We would then retire so that you could begin your work for the evening.

Exhibit
WWFA
Contact Information:
Women's Web--A Feminist Agenda
Elisabeth Leonard
elisa_02128@yahoo.com

A Tribute to Women
In honor of the Nobel Peace Foundation's plan to award 1,000 women from around the world with a special Nobel Peace Award in 2005, the Women's Web has prepared "A Tribute to Women." Approximately 100 to 150 women's pictures and short biographies will be displayed as honorary nominees of the Women's Web. They will also be carried and displayed in the convocations. Coordinator Andre Sheldon, member of WILPF, NOW, UJP, UFPJ, Code Pink, and the Newton Dialogues, challenges women to lead the way to peace. Contact: Andre Sheldon andresez@rcn.com

Exhibit
CUL IMM ECON
Contact Information:
Bread and Roses Heritage Committee
Jim Beauchesne
jim.beauchesne@state.ma.us

Bread and Roses Strike (Exhibition)
We have a small traveling exhibit and documentary video about the Bread and Roses Strike, and how it has been commemorated in art and music. We could also speak on the subject. The Bread and Roses Heritage Committee presents the Bread and Roses Festival every Labor Day in Lawrence. We honor the 1912 textile strike, noted for the cooperation among immigrants, the role of women, and the strikers' use of song. The festival includes historical tours and reenactments, multicultural music and dance, and hosts many of today's social justice groups.

Cultural Activity
EDU OTH
Contact Information:
CPCS/UMass Boston
Ismael Ramirez-Soto
Ismael.Ramirez-Soto@umb.edu

A Walking Tour of the CPCS Collection of Political and Social Justice Art
Come and enjoy a tour of approximately 75 posters and original art that faculty, staff, and students have donated throughout the years to grace the walls of our College. They are meant to remind us of some of these longlasting struggles as well as to inspire us to continue our quest for social justice. It is not meant to be a representation of all forms and traditions of political art but rather a selection of art that speaks to us and to the curriculum that we ought to deliver. If anything, the art is by itself beautiful and the tour a relaxed one.

Exhibit
WWFA
Contact Information:
Women's Web-A Feminist Agenda
Elisabeth Leonard
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Building and Decorating the Women's Tent
Actual construction of tent: Women in the Building Trades, Women's Lodge; and installation of exhibits: Myna and Sue's banner, Code Pink; Clothesline Project. The Chronicle Quilt of Outrage and Hope: People from all over the country have written messages on squares that these quilters in Vermont border and piece together. The messages describe outrages and concerns regarding the present administration and hopes of all kinds-side by side in the many quilts we have created. These quilts will be displayed in the Women's Tent for Peace and Justice. There will be opportunities for people to write their own messages and add their own artwork- a colorful way to celebrate our voices. Kate Taylor (KCTAYLOR@yahoo.com) is the contact.

Exhibit
HLTH LPC
Contact Information:
AIDS Care Project
Elizabeth Sommers
bsommers@pathwaysboston.org

Acupuncture, Massage & Shiatsu Therapy
Our organization would like to propose having ongoing free sample acupuncture treatments available for conference-goers. We can also provide some massage therapists and shiatsu practitioners. We'd like to have a workshop that provides basic information about using acupuncture and Asian medical practices to promote health and well-being (and we submitted an abstract describing this), but we'd also like to provide free treatment to folks. Our agency is the largest public health clinic of its' kind in the US and we specialize in providing care to under-served groups of people, including people living with HIV/AIDS. We've provided sample treatments at numerous conferences, and what we need is a corner or relatively more quiet area in the exhibit area with about a dozen comfortable chairs. Conference participants can drop by for a sample treatment or massage; there's no need to remove clothing because all areas worked on are easily accessible on the arms or legs. People can stay for up to half an hour if they choose. To address liability, we have only licensed providers working and each person who receives a sample treatment signs a waiver. We've done this for many years in many venues, in the US and internationally, and there's never been an issue.

Cultural Activity
WWFA PEAC ECON
Contact Information:
Chronicle Quilt of Outrage and Hope
Elisabeth Leonard
KCHTAYLOR@Yahoo.com

Chronicle Quilt of Outrage and Hope
People from all over the country have written messages on squares that quilters in Vermont border and piece together. The messages describe outrages/concerns and hopes of all kinds--side by side in the many quilts we have created. These quilts will be displayed in the Women's Tent for Peace and Justice. There will be opportunities for people to write their own messages and add their own artwork-- a colorful way to celebrate our voices.

Exhibit
CJDR IMM GLOB
Contact Information:
Amnesty International USA, Group 133
Refugee Action Team
Eric Aronson
earonson@earthlink.net

Between the Shadows: Racist Prison Abuse as Seen by Local Eyes
This multimedia art exhibit, large enough for participants to enter and explore, will focus on the theme of local casualties of the U.S. "War on Terror"; i.e., immigrants detained in the Boston area since 9/11/01 because of their Arabic/Islamic background. It will be symbolically evocative of a prison cell, and will be decorated with photographs, drawings, paintings, personal objects, poetry, text, letters/statements and possibly recorded oral histories/testimonies from detained immigrants. Through the art, we hope to contribute to the open space of ideas, and to make participants aware that prison abuse and even torture happen, not only in distant places such as Iraq, but here in our own communities. Our clear, simple, jargon-free fact sheets will review documented reports of serious abuses of immigrants detained in local prisons and present opportunities for participants to join our work to restore hope and justice to these oppressed persons and their families.

Cultural Activity
WAT ECON LOC
Contact Information:
Beehive Design Collective
Marc Miwyrd
tour@beehivecollective.org
www.beehivecollective.org/

Colombia Tour
Our featured presentation, available in spanish or english, is a portable-mural "tour" comprised of a 16 foot wide banner version of the FTAA poster, or a 16 foot high banner version of the Plan Colombia poster that displays the issues in context of the "bigger picture." The banners are simultaneously accompanied by a six-foot tall fabric storybook, or projected "slide show" that has forty enlargements of scenes from the poster. Presenters take turns narrating through the mural's details and facts, helping to break down complex issues into smaller, more digestible chunks. All the while, continually explaining how they are connected to the "bigger picture." Our illustration-based communication strategy is punctuated with opportunities for audience participation. It's to be understood by anyone, not just the experts and political analysts! Us bees consider it vital to subvert the talking-head-at-the-podium approach to political discussion. We break down the model of the "expert" and the "audience" by relating information across language and learning boundaries.

Exhibit
CCP MVTB GLOB
Contact Information:
Association for India's Development - Boston chapter
Shailja Pathania
shailja_pathania@dfci.harvard.edu

Bhopal: A Grassroots Coalition Offers Hope After 19 Years
Even after the Enrons and WorldComs of the new economy, Bhopal remains the most powerful example of horrors due to a lack of corporate accountability and oversight. The Hiroshima of the chemical industry devastated Bhopal, India by killing 8000 people, and causing long-term damage to more than 150,000. The primary reason was a lack of oversight that allowed Union Carbide to pursue double standards in the third world. A grassroots global coalition - International Campaign for Justice in Bhopal - has won key victories in recent years, including divestment campaigns in universities, lawsuits in the US and India, and Dow Chemicals (current owner of Union Carbide) shareholders resolutions. A US court recently passed a ruling which could make Dow clean up the toxins in Bhopal, thereby setting a precedent in which a company can be held accountable for its actions abroad.

Exhibit
ENV FAI
Contact Information:
Quaker Earthcare Witness
Mary Gilbert
mary@gilbertwhite.com

Eco-Friendly "House"
Come walk through our ecologically friendly "rooms" to get ideas for your own living space. Find out how many acres of land it actually takes to sustain you, by computing your personal "ecological footprint." Chill out by playing some games that don't plug in in our "living room." We will have information to help you think about what it would be like to simplify your life. (This interactive exhibit requires a rectangular space that will be in use throughout the BSF.)

Cultural Activity
CUL
Contact Information:
capital b
daniela muller
bookcapitalb@yahoo.com

Bitch plays electric violin and bass and sings her own kind of music played from a poetic and feminist lineage.
Bitch is an international touring artist, and has released three full length records, two on Ani Difranco's Righteous Babe Records, with her former bandmate, Animal. She plays electric violin and bass and her poetic and twisted songs wrench the gut, inspire outward thinking and strong political action. A show that will entertain and jolt the brain.

Exhibit
HLTH
Contact Information:
Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition
Susan Whalen
swhalen@mbcc.org

Environmental Links to Health
We are a member of a large state-wide coalition called, Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow. We would be interested in having an exhibit and/or holding a workshop on the Precautionary Principle and environmental links to health.

Exhibit
PEAC
Contact Information:
University of Connecticut Animal Rights Organization
Emily Turco
python8601@excite.com

Ethical Issues Surrounding the Slaughtering of Animals for Food Consumption
This exhibit will include a video and information about the ethical issues surrounding slaughtering animals for food consumption. The focus will be educating people on animal suffering that occurs in today's factory farms. Non-violence begins on our plates where we have the option to contribute to unnecessary suffering. A vegetarian saves about 2,000 animals in their lifetime. Information on the health and environmental benefits of a vegetarian and vegan diet will be available.

Exhibits and Cultural Activities

Exhibit IPC Contact Information: AFSC JOCELYN BERGER JBERGER@AFSC.ORG	Eyes Wide Open - Exhibit on the Consequences of the U.S. War In Iraq The American Friends Service Committee will display an exhibit on the cost of war in Iraq entitled "Eyes Wide Open." The exhibition is a multimedia, multisensory journey through the words, images, and sounds of the Iraq war. Visitors move through a vivid memorial to the war's soldier and civilian victims, a searing exposure of the justifications told to the U.S. public, a compelling outline of what the war is costing us at home, and end with an interactive, easy way to change America's course toward peace. The exhibit will be on display both outdoors and indoors at the UMASS campus. In this critical time, Eyes Wide Open speaks directly to our hearts and minds, shattering the claim that the war has made America safer and challenging us to confront our fears and let our dreams, not our nightmares, shape our collective future.
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Exhibit ISPA Contact Information: Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace Despina Moutsouris I/Ptaskforce@justicewithpeace.org	Folk Art Mavens Exhibit Folk Art Mavens sells hand-made Palestinian embroidery, mother-of-pearl, ceramics, hand-blown glass, olive wood, and silver imported from small, family-run businesses or non-profit collectives dedicated to empowering artisans and promoting cultural heritage. Exhibited by Jan Hayden, member of Vision of Peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine
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Exhibit OEAP ECON LOC Contact Information: - Rose Heyer rose@geo.umass.edu www.othereconomies.org	Geography of Hope! -- Help Make a Map of New England's Alternative Economy What "alternative economy" initiatives do you participate in? What grassroots economy projects exist in your community? What have you heard about in New England that inspires you? Bring your experiences and ideas to the "Geography of Hope" display and fill out a short survey about the initiatives you know of. After the Forum, the information will be compiled into a database and a "New England's Alternative Economy" map will be generated using GIS technology. The map, along with the accompanying data, will be available on-line at: www.othereconomies.org
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Exhibit ENV Contact Information: GreenGreaseMonkeys Tamara Trejo t1975t@hotmail.com	Grease Car Exhibit Running your car on waste vegetable oil is beneficial for many reasons: 1.It's Sustainable: Vegetable oil is plant-based, which means the fuel you'll burn is derived from plants, not fossil fuel deposits. 2.It's Cleaner: Waste vegetable oil emits far fewer greenhouse gases and carcinogens than petroleum-based diesel. 3.It's Not Oil: The U.S. economy's heavy reliance on oil from other countries has led to disastrous foreign policy decisions by our government. Get the U.S. out of the Middle East - burn vegetable oil for fuel! 4.It's FREE: Most restaurant owners would rather have you take their grease away than pay someone else to dispose of it. With proper filtration, you will have an abundant supply of free fuel for your vehicle at your local pizza parlor, Chinese food restaurant, bar and grill. Sounds too good to be true? We'd be happy to demonstrate how the technology works.
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Exhibit GLBJ OTH Contact Information: Green Horizon Foundation Joie Grandbois-Gallup jgrandbois@gwi.net	Green Horizons The Green Horizon Foundation is an educational forum for interpreting to the world at large, the ideas, values, actions and urgency of Green and kindred movements. We currently publish 'The Green Horizon Quarterly' and our first book - "The Adventures of King Bushy-Tushy" Vision: To inspire people in all walks of life to see their own Green potential and take action accordingly To stimulate a Green way of thinking among a broad spectrum of groups, organization and institutions. To spur attention of the public to the problems of poverty, environmental racism, social injustice, dysfunctional economic systems, ecological degradation, and political domination.
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Exhibit ISPA Contact Information: Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace Despina Moutsouris I/Ptaskforce@justicewithpeace.org	Holy Land Olive Oil Holy Land Olive Oil, founded in 2003, was the first group to import Palestinian olive oil into the US. Our mission is to create and sustain a permanent market for Palestinian farmers here in the US despite political, logistical, and market economics/ pricing hurdles. Our exhibit will show why this is important to the Palestinian economy, the reality of the obstacles and challenges involved, and how we can support their efforts here in the Boston/New England area. Exhibited by Tania Maxwell and Susie Rivo, members of Jewish Women for Justice In Israel/Palestine
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Cultural Activity WAT ECON Contact Information: 'Homeland Insecurity' - one-woman show Justine Karamazov karamazova@earthlink.net	Homeland Insecurity - A One Woman Show (1 hr. 10 min.) Story of a woman struggling for economic and psychic survival in the US. The show has already built a following in the Midcoast Maine area, and will appear at Camden Opera on July 23. A fifty-year-old woman intimately reveals her fraught struggle for economic and psychic survival in America today, delivering a sardonic, poetic, and social commentary. Invoking a cast of memorable friends, she rallies hope on the existential frontier of a culture without a soul. This show, with a mission to older women, draws fervent responses from diverse audiences. 'Homeland Insecurity' was selected as an inaugural performance for the Cassandra Festival of Female Artists held this summer in Portland, Maine.
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Cultural Activity PEAC Contact Information: MEMORY PRODS. DAVID ROTHAUER Drothaus@aol.com	Let Slip the Dogs of War The play is a series of vignettes that give us a peek into how U.S. foreign policy was deceptively employed vis-a-vis Pearl Harbor, the decision to us the A-bomb, Vietnam and the war on Iraq. Audience members are encourage to participate with a core of professional actors to role play the Presidents, Vice Presidents, Secretaries of State and War, code breakers, journalists and A-bomb survivors to gain a visceral understanding of how, in Daniel Ellsberg's words, administration after administration "lies with every breath" regarding foreign policy. The play concludes with a rousing debate between GW Bush and Dennis Kucinich over the progressive Dept. of Peace bill HR 2459 and includes a plea to amend our constitution to abolish war-making beyond our natural borders. The audience is invited to engage in a spirited discussion over our nation's pressing issues of war and peace.
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Cultural Activity SAY Contact Information: Mother Liberty Peace Campaign Mareba Jos motherliberty2001@yahoo.com	Mother Liberty Peace Circle Marebs Jos and Tameron Josbeck present a new approach to politics and the discussion about how to achieve peace and justice in our world. The Council circle from springs from ancient cultures. Everyone needs to be treated with respect in the spirit of sharing and taking turns. Bringing young people from very different backgrounds together can be easy in the context of making new friends. Learn a format to hold discussion and bring issues out into the open. This method is democracy at its simplest.
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Cultural Activity CJDR Contact Information: AFSC/ Harvard Progressive Advocacy Group Rabia Mir mir@fas.harvard.edu	Performance by PRESENTE! PRESENTE! is a poetry and theatre collective that for the past three years has been conducting artistic performances calling attention to the plight of Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War held within the borders of the United States. Many of these prisoners have been incarcerated for waging struggle against the U.S. Government's colonialist and racist policies here and abroad. They are leaders and combatants for Puerto Rican Independence, Native American rights, Black Liberation; some are North American anti imperialists who interfered with their government's ability to wage war around the world. Some are of Arab and Muslim backgrounds, recent targets of "Homeland Security's" policies of racial profiling and disappearances, which are implemented to silence the most critical voices of protest against colonialism and genocide in the Middle East.
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Exhibit GLBJ PEAC SNV Contact Information: teeksa photography skip schiel schiel@ccae.org	Photo Exhibit of "Facts on the Ground" (Palestine-Israel) Photo Exhibit of "Facts on the Ground" (Palestine-Israel)
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Exhibit ISPA Contact Information: Israel/Palestine Task Force Despina Moutsouris I/Ptaskforce@justicewithpeace.org	Photographs from the Levant Color digital photos with text by Skip Schiel Traveling through Israel/Palestine in November 2003, local Cambridge photographer Skip Schiel documented in words and images the injustices suffered by Palestinians, the fear experienced by Israelis, and the hope inspired by "Possibilitarians" imaginative and courageous people attempting to live and foster new alternatives to the current "facts on the ground". By listening and looking with an open heart, Skip believes it is possible to advocate for peace, justice, truth and reconciliation in a severely troubled land. His photographic work is a small contribution towards this end purpose. Skip Schiel, photographer schiel@ccae.org 9 Sacramento St Cambridge MA 02138-1843 (617) 441-7756 , best time to call Monday mornings
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Exhibit GLBJ CUL OTH Contact Information: Global Justice Ecology Project Orin Langelle langelle@sover.net	Photography As An Organizing/Educating Tool: Facilitating Community Conversations. Global Justice Ecology Project's Grassroots Social Change Photography Program combines environmental advocacy with social change through photography. We use photographs to reach communities and the progressive public with ecological and social justice issues. The program has three components: "Corporate Globalization vs. Global Justice" Guerrilla Photography Exhibit photographs by Orin Langelle. Presenter Orin Langelle describes the exhibit: ". To me this decisive moment comes together in the creative process when light and composition become one with the subject matter. As a concerned photographer, that image should be of a social value that documents the underlying essence of the subject matter that then communicates to or makes a connection with the viewer."
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Cultural Activity WWFA Contact Information: Women's Web Donna Laverdiere donna_laverdiere@hotmail.com	Poetry Jam for Transformation hosted by the Center for New Words The Center for New Words hosts a Poetry Jam for Transformation to close the Women's Tribunal. Testify with your poems! Create a new vision with your poems! Help us build a safe and beloved community with your poems! Receive power and healing in the poems of others! Open mike available. Coordinator is Jaclyn Friedman. Jaclyn Friedman is an award-winning poet and performance artist whose work challenges political, personal and sexual boundaries with nerve and honesty. She has been a featured performer at venues across New England with renowned writers such as Olga Broumas, Kate Rushin, Letta Neely, and SisterSpit. Her poems, columns, and interviews can be found at PW.org and PoetsAgainstTheWar.org, in the Underwood Review, Philogyny, and Sojourner, and in the anthologies Pinned Down By Pronouns and Shameless, as well as other publications. Friedman is Program Director of the Center for New Words, a non-profit organization that serves as a catalyst for diverse women's and girls writing, voices, and ideas. She is the recipient of a 2001 Cambridge Poetry Award, and is currently pursuing her MFA in Creative Writing at Emerson College.
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Cultural Activity CUL Contact Information: N/A Sam Worthen globull@gis.net	Political Humor Comedy is not just about making people laugh. It is also about waking them up to the hypocrisies and injustices that engulf our world. It communicates through satire in a variety of familiar voices, and strives for a catharsis in social consciousness. Sam Worthen will co-host the event with Mr. Baratunde Thurston, a talented stand-up comic and author of the recently published "Better Than Crying: Poking Fun at Politics, the Press & Pop Culture." He performs across the country and has worked with such acts as Barry Crimins, Brian Kiley, Louis CK, Dane Cook, and Sarah Silverman. If Bush reads his book, Baratunde will soon be headed for Mars. Sam Worthen is also a stand-up comic and have been performing at the Emerald Isle in Dorchester and the All Asia Bar & Grill in Central Square.
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Exhibits and Cultural Activities

Cultural Activity

WWFA

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Refugee Ragas

Apama Sindhoor will open the Women's Tribunal with a solo dance performance. Refugee Ragas explores the ravages of war from the experiences and perspective of women refugees. She will be accompanied by Raju Sivasankaran. Sindhoor, a choreographer and dancer, has garnered international acclaim for bringing traditional forms of Indian dance together with contemporary themes. She has performed widely in India, Germany and in North America. Sindhoor is the Artistic Director of Navarasa Dance Theater. Raju Sivasankaran is the writer/director/producer of critically acclaimed dance theater works such as River Rites and Agua-Thanneer-Water and he is one of the founding members of the Navarasa Dance Theater and has directed and produced his first film, State of the Art. Three of his plays have won the James Baldwin Playwright Award.

Cultural Activity

WWFA

Contact Information:

Women's Web--A Feminist Agenda
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Shaking up the Patriarchy: A Workshop and Performance with the Goddess Dancers

A sacred celebration of the totality of women's being. The performance will be the main focus of the closing celebration of the Women's Tent for Peace & Justice. Goddess Dancers contact: Catherine Moore (978/597-8980) bellycat@verizon.net) The Goddess Dancing is a group of belly dancers who perform and teach woman-centered, spiritually grounded, American fusion style belly dance. We strongly believe that the arts are one of the viable avenues to social change. You can learn more about our group at our website www.thegoddessdancing.com

Exhibit

LPC

Contact Information:

Share International
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Sharing Will Save the World - Share International Magazine Back Cover Photo Exhibition

Display consists of 61 11x17 photos and descriptions organized by Hunger, Poverty, Greed, Sharing and Service. SHARE INTERNATIONAL brings together the two major directions of New Age thinking - the political and the spiritual. Display can be wall mounted in hallway or gathering area. "Without sharing there can be no justice. Without justice there can be no peace. Without peace there can be no future. So share, and save the world."

Exhibit

LPC PEAC

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Ocean State Group
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Teachings of Prem Rawat

We will feature a presentation of the teachings of Prem Rawat, also known as Maharaji. Maharaji teaches a practical way of experiencing peace within. He calls this experience knowledge. Maharaji travels all over the world, addressing audiences about this topic. Our exhibit will attempt to capture the excitement of his teachings through a video presentation of him speaking. Also provided will be a selection of written materials that will explain more about this subject.

Cultural Activity

MVTB CUL FTD

Contact Information:

The Backbone Campaign
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The Backbone Campaign: Using Imagery and Festival Arts to Insert Ourselves into the Political Dialogue

We will briefly discuss this artist-generated campaign to rescue the Democrats from irrelevance through the use of humor, beauty and old-fashioned organizing. We will then work with the assembly, manipulation and musical accompaniment of a 70 foot Backbone puppet where each vertebra bares a progressive issue slogan. Workshop participants will make up the core puppetistas and musicians for the presentation of the Backbone Puppet and its agenda throughout the week of events surrounding the Democratic National Convention. Boston Community members and non-BSF folks will supplement the "core" throughout the week as well.

Exhibit

IPC ENV HLTH

Contact Information:

Grassroots Actions for Peace and the Military Toxics Project
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The Campaign to Ban Depleted Uranium Weapons - local, national and international

This exhibit will demonstrate the serious problems caused by the manufacture, testing and use of depleted uranium weapons, and suggest ways that we can work for a ban. We hope to include the following graphics: the video "Deadly Fire"; U.S. sites contaminated with DU; contamination caused at each step of the DU cycle; DU contamination at "Starmet" in Concord, MA; How DU may effect the human body; DU use in commercial products; and New England Congressional support for legislation to clean up contaminated sites in the US and undertake health studies on the effects of DU. We will have petitions to sign, contact information, and an attendant at the exhibit to discuss the needs of interested BSF participants.

Cultural Activity

FAI

Contact Information:

The Dances of Universal Peace
Nicholas Leonardo Lizza
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The Dances of Universal Peace

The Dances Of Universal Peace are simple circle dances set to sacred phrases which are sung or chanted from many of the planets spiritual traditions. We honor the unity which resides within all diversity, inside of all religions and indeed, within us all. The dances bring people together in a way that is both meaningful and fun! A peace full world starts one peaceful heart at a time. No prior experience is necessary, all are welcome! I have been leading dances for over 10 years now in the New England area.

Exhibit

OEAP ECON LOC

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The Economic Diversity Quilt -- A Participatory Art Project

The Economic Diveristy Quilt will be a visual representation--created by all of us here at the Forum! --of the existing grassroots and community-based economy in Boston and New England as a whole. Come create a patch (using pieces of fabric, with puffy paint/ markers/ glitter etc., supplied by us) that represents a project, business, organization or dream that you are a part of or are inspired by. The patches will then be attached together and hung in a visible place during the Forum and at future events.

Exhibit

OEAP CLCH ENV

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Cultural Activity

FAI

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Cultural Activity

ENV

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Cultural Activity

CUL

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Exhibit

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Cultural Activity

WWFA

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Exhibit

CUL

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Gallery of Social & Political Art
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The Frida Bus: A Biodiesel-Powered Community Space

The Frida Bus is a Biodiesel-powered Community Space with a kitchen, free box, book lending library and zine distribution, information boards, seating, eating and meeting areas. The purpose of Frida Bus is to help strengthen our community in Portland and around the state of Maine, through creating educational and empowering experiences. We have workshops, music, potluck meals, and other events in and around the bus. We bring the bus to community fairs around Portland, to festivals, fairs, farms and other places around the state including a puppet show tour to local schools. We want the bus to be a birthplace for ideas and actions to work towards positive societal and community change. Come visit us here at the Forum!

TIKKUN: Friday night Sabbath service: Welcoming the Sabbath with joy

Rabbi Michael Lemer, founder of the Tikkun Community, editor of TIKKUN magazine, and author of many books including "Jewish Renewal," will lead a "Kabbalat Shabbat" ("Receiving the Sabbath") service. Spirituality need not be either deadening or reactionary. Come celebrate the creation of the universe! Come, celebrate our human capacities to participate in transforming the world from its legacy of pain and cruelty to love, generosity, and open-heartedness. You don't have to be Jewish to participate, or know Hebrew to sing with us.

Toxic Tour of Roxbury with Alternatives for Community and Environment (ACE)

ACE builds the power of communities of color and lower income communities in New England to eradicate environmental racism and classism and to achieve environmental justice. We believe that everyone has the right to a healthy environment and to be decision-makers in issues affecting our communities. Founded in 1994, ACE has pioneered an organic and powerful bottom-up model for environmental organizing and advocacy. Our Toxic Tour is a walking tour of a number of sites in our home neighborhood of Roxbury which exemplify our struggles and victories for environmental justice over the past ten years.

True Story Theater

75 minute performance where audience members share feelings, thoughts, experiences from their lives and work and the actors play it back on the spot. It's a fantastic community building experience as it allows different kinds of people to share stories on a heart level and better understand which each other are coming from.

Urban Wild (Exhibit)

Official non-profit stewards and educates for a 115 acre urban wild in the Boston area. Environmental activities and educational work.

Women's Tent for Peace & Justice Opening Ceremony

Sharon Bauer, Kat Mitchell, and Lindsa Vallee, Members of Women's Lodge will coordinate the opening ceremonies of the Women's Tent for Peace and Justice also featuring Sonia Sanchez and Medea Benjamin. They will also be decorating the tent. Women's Lodge, based in Watertown, is an Open Women's Spirituality Circle that celebrates the cycles of the year and of women's lives thru ceremony, dance and song. Women's Lodge members meet regularly to plan and implement ritual celebrations. Medea Benjamin is founding director of Global Exchange and of Code Pink Women for Peace. She serves on the board of United for Peace and Justice. Sonia Sanchez is a world-renown poet and playwright. She is the author of more than a dozen books of poetry, including Shake Loose My Skin: New and Selected Poems (Beacon Press, 1999); and Does Your House Have Lions? (1995), which was nominated for both the NAACP Image and National Book Critics Circle Award.

YOSHIRO SANBONMATSU: A POLITICAL ARTIST'S RETROSPECTIVE

A free exhibit in Boston's Copley Square of radical political art, featuring the paintings and multimedia works of New England artist Yoshiro Sanbonmatsu. Themes of Sanbonmatsu's works include US interventionism, war, racism, the Japanese-American internment, the Zapatista struggle for democracy, and capitalism. This program runs from June 5 to July 31 at the Community Church of Boston at 565 W. Boylston Street. Exhibit hours are 1:00-5:00 pm, Saturdays and Sundays. The artist wishes to extend a *special invitation* to all Boston Forum participants in solidarity with their efforts! We would like to be listed in the Forum's program, and would also like to set up a special meeting between interested Forum participants (e.g., young artists) and the artist himself. Please contact us at 708-763-0363.

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

1:00pm - 3:00pm

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

Contact Information:

Women's Web--A Feminist Agenda
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1:30pm - 2:30pm

Science Center Small Science 1-006; Floor: 1

1:30pm - 2:30pm

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

Contact Information:

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Laura Roskos
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Asking the Right Questions: Non-Violent Resistance Training for Women

Gender-sensitive training takes into account the different experiences that women and men bring to nonviolent action. This workshop will consist of various exercises to practice nonviolence, and what we will need to take into account when preparing for actions. Bio: Presently doing training in Macedonia, Joanne Sheehan is a long time practioner of nonviolence in various modes. She is part of the Northeastern Team of Nonviolence Trainers and also works with the War Resisters League.

World Tribunal on Iraq: A Demand for War Crime Accountability

Members of the steering committee of the NYC session of the World Tribunal on Iraq (which took place on May 8), will share their experience of mounting the event in NYC as well as their thoughts on achieving justice for the Iraqi victims of the US war and occupation. There will also be a report on plans for future sessions of the WTI. A short videotape of the NYC session will be shown. Kyiko McCrae, John H. Kim and Jennifer R. Ridha Kiyoko McCrae served as a member of the Jury of Conscience at the NY session of WTI. She is a co-founder of Peace Williamsburg in Brooklyn, and a member of the Steering Committee of the United for Peace and Justice. Jennifer R. Ridha is an Iraqi-American attorney who specializes in civil and criminal trial. She served as one of the Advocates dealing with war crimes in the NY session of WTI. She recently visited her relatives in Iraq. John H. Kim (A Korean American attorney who specializes in international human rights law. As a member of the Steering Committee of the WRI-NY session, he advised on the legal issues in the Tribunal

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Wheatley Wheatley B [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Film Screening

BSF Film Series Education

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Venezuela Bolivariana: People and Struggle of the Fourth World War

A film by Marcelo Andrade and the Calle Y Media Collective 76 min., 2004, Spanish with English subtitles. This documentary examines the Bolivarian Revolution of Venezuela as connected to the world-wide movement against capitalist globalization. The film shows the evolution of the popular movement in Venezuela from the "Caracazo" riots of 1989 to the massive actions that brought revolutionary president Hugo Chavez back to power, 48 hours after a U.S.-led military coup in 2002. The main theme is how the Bolivarian Revolution, thanks to its incredible grassroots and networking power, is a revolution that transcends the national frontiers of Venezuela and contributes with concrete alternatives to the fight against neoliberal capitalism. For more information: www.calleymedia.org

Wheatley Snowden Auditorium; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Film Screening

BSF Film Series Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi Education

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Film Series Committee
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What I Want My Words to Do to You

Produced by Madeleine Gavin, Judith Katz and Gary Sunshine, 2003 This powerful documentary focuses on a writing group led by playwright and activist Eve Ensler ("The Vagina Monologues") at the Bedford Hills Correctional Facility. Ensler's classes have given birth to a powerful writing community in which women from strikingly different strata of society, all of whom are serving long sentences, help each other tell their stories. Through a series of exercises and discussions, the women delve into their pasts and explore the nature of their crimes and the extent of their own culpability. The film weaves in performances of the women's writing by acclaimed actors Mary Alice, Glenn Close, Hazelle Goodman, Rosie Perez and Marisa Tomei.

Wheatley CPCS Wheatley W-4-CPCS Plaza; Floor:

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Seminar

Challenging Corporate Power Global Justice Water

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Holding Coca-Cola Accountable for Environmental, Labor and Human Rights Abuses Globally

A key, international campaign led by grassroots groups in India and Colombia has emerged to hold Coca-Cola accountable for human rights, labor and environmental abuses in Colombia and India. Coca-Cola stands accused of depriving communities of water in India, polluting the water and land, distributing toxic waste to farmers and selling highly poisonous drinks in the Indian market. Coca-Cola's main Latin American bottler, Panamco is on trial in the US for hiring right-wing paramilitaries to kill and intimidate union leaders in Colombia. SINALTRAINAL union leaders and organizers have been subject to a gruesome cycle of violence unleashed by Colombian paramilitary forces in complicity with Coca-Cola's Colombian bottling subsidiary. Join us in this unique lcampaign that brings together labor, human rights and environmental groups together to hold Coca-Cola accountable. www.IndiaResource.org and www.KillerCoke.org

A National Movement for Civilian Police Review Boards

Building local democracy requires effective civilian control over law enforcement. Examines efforts across nation to create civilian review boards (CRBs) that exercise meaningful oversight. The best CRBs are elected, are independently staffed and funded, have supoena and prosecutorial power, are transparent, and are outside of departmental chains of command.

Wheatley Wheatley C [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi Democracy Movement Building

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Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

McCormack Ryan Lounge; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Other

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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I don't want another kid to die: Learning from murder victims' family members who oppose juvenile executions.

Statements against the juvenile death penalty seldom include mention of the victims, and when victims are mentioned, they are typically assumed to be in favor of executions. This workshop, presented by the national victim-founded and victim-led organization Murder Victims' Families for Reconciliation, offers another perspective. Survivors who know the devastation of murder firsthand will describe the effects of homicide on a family and will explain why they have come to oppose the death penalty and why working for its elimination is something they have chosen to do as victims. In particular, survivors whose loved ones were murdered by juvenile offenders will discuss the issues that arise in the juvenile death penalty debate and examine how those issues relate to the needs and responses of victims. Without a powerful voice of victims' family members who oppose the death penalty, lawmakers considering whether to oppose juvenile executions worry that a vote against the death penalty will be viewed as a vote against victims.

Saving Lives by Ending Drug Prohibition

LEAP is an international nonprofit educational organization created to give voice to all the current and former members of law enforcement who believe the US war on drugs has failed and who wish to support alternative policies that will lower the incidence of death, disease, crime, and addiction, by ultimately ending drug prohibition. LEAP director Jack Cole, a retired police officer with 26-years service in narcotics will present a true picture of the history, causes, and effects, of drug prohibition. He will describe the financial and human costs associated with current drug policies on: police/community relations; institutionalized racism; the safety of law enforcement officers and suspects; and police corruption and misconduct. The workshop will consist a forty-five minute presentation followed by forty-five minutes of discussion, with the intent of getting the participants thinking in terms of alternative policies to this failed, costly and destructive war on drugs.

The U.S. Drug War - A War on Class, Race, and the Poor

The U.S. Drug War is a war on class, race, and the poor. Current policies do more harm in our communities than the drugs themselves. We will present a wide-range of reform ideas in areas of criminal-justice, public health, public policy, race relations, law enforcement that would improve society.

Wheatley 126; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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Law Enforcement Against Prohibition (LEAP)
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McCormack 418; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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McCormack 608; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Democracy Challenging Corporate Power

Contact Information:

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Corporations and Rights Workshop

A discussion of the history of corporations in the U.S., and how they grew from small businesses dedicated to the public good to enormous entities that illegitimately control governments and worldwide commerce. We'll talk about the daily impact of corporate harms protected by their claims to constitutional rights, and new strategies developing in Pennsylvania and elsewhere that are challenging the status quo.

Science Center 64; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Democracy Media

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Alliance for Democracy
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Emergence of "Living Democracy"

Frances Moore Lappe, author of Diet For A Small Planet and Mona Seragelden of Harvard U, School of Design provide complementary perspectives on the burgeoning quest for a deeper, more meaningful experience of democracy. Frances maintains that a Living Democracy is one where citizens increasingly refuse to acquiesce to an unaccountable authority and realize that they themselves have the answers. Not simply protesting failed policies, or demanding redress, citizens are creating ongoing roles for themselves beyond elections in making public decisions. With a focus on The Power Of Social Inclusion, Mona Seragelden has found that when the public is involved in the planning aspects of problems only the educated subgroup comes out, but when it comes to deciding about actual spending of funds, EVERYBODY comes out. It is so concrete. What the spending people decide on is within a "budget envelope" for the specific project and doesn't affect things like salaries of city employees. The projects are physical improvements like water service, schools, etc. and when the budget is tight people do the prioritizing.

McCormack 206; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Other

Democracy

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First Citizens Contract President

Organizing to create an evolution or revolution at the Democratic National Convention. Support Delegates in signing pledge to only vote for a Presidential Candidate that signs to be the First Citizens Contract President Delegates will complete the contract at the web site www.votewin.info.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Wheatley 124; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

*Democracy
Challenging Corporate Power*

Contact Information:

Alliance for Democracy
Ruth Weizenbaum
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Personhood is for People: How Corporate Personhood Undermines Democracy

Betsy Barnum, Executive Director of the Great River Earth Institute will present: Corporation are not mentioned in the Constitution but the Supreme Court gave them the personhood status in 1886, enabling them to claim individual rights and protections guaranteed in the bill of Rights. While human beings have struggled for these rights and protections, corporate owners have used corporate personhood to make governing decisions about society, economics, politics and culture. This workshop provides some history of corporate power, contrasts it with social movements and draws on the wisdom and imagination of participants in envisioning what can be done to restore decision-making authority to "we the people" to open new possibilities for ecological, humane ways of meeting needs. The workshop covers: How corporations were viewed and treated by law and culture in the 19th century. How they got themselves declared "persons". How personhood gives corporations the political authority to govern. Why this situation makes our democracy "of, by and for the corporations" instead of the people. How we the people can recover our democracy.

Wheatley 158; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Democracy
Criminal Justice/Domestic Reprssi
Immigration*

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Racial Profiling, Before & After 9/11 w/King Downing, the National Coordinator, ACLU Campaign against Racial Profiling, & Merrie Najimy, President, American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee (MA)

In the years before 9/11 a campaign against "driving while black and brown" gained momentum across the country. Since 9/11 racial, ethnic and religious profiling has been a centerpiece of the "domestic war against terrorism." What strategies can we use to reverse this trend? Successful campaigns and legislative possibilities will be the starting point of the discussion.

Wheatley 57; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Lecture

Economy

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Lecture on the False Teachings of Contemporary Economics

This is a presentation of erroneous assumptions in conventionally taught economics which are responsible for the continuous fall of real wages over the last 30 years in the USA, and for the distribution of all increases in the growth of the national product exclusively to the top two income quintiles over the same period. Many of today's economists sincerely believe that increases in real wages will induce recession, inflation, and will probably simultaneously wreck the economy. The analytic flaws that lead to this absurd conclusion will be pin pointed.

Wheatley 10; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Economy

Contact Information:

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The Commonwealth

All of us, on this planet of abundance, are entitled a fair share of society's surplus, to an extra income apart from our labor and capital, a regular dividend from the rent for land and resources, a la Alaska's oil dividend, but writ large. Merely demanding this Citizens Dividend elevates our self-esteem. And once we win it, we divert revenues from the pockets of the few now engorging upon these socially-generated values, to the pockets of everyone, those who actually create the values of nature and society. Come discuss the commonwealth, how much is out there, who has it now, how to retrieve it, what's already be accomplished, and what we can do now.

McCormack 213; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Economy

Global Justice

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Understanding the Globalization Project: 10 Essential Factors

Although it seems as though globalization has elbowed its way into our lives almost overnight, it actually has evolved historically over the last five centuries and intensified and expanded in only the last twenty-five years. Peering through a "big picture" lens we will explore the emergence of the capitalist economic system, investigate the different facets of its development and probe into how it has changed over the last 500 years. Our economic history for too long has intentionally been presented as dry, arduous, and unconnected to our everyday lives. With a greater awareness of the economic forces underpinning the globalization project, we can more clearly and confidently resist the detrimental aspects of globalization and embark upon fashioning a more sustainable and equitable future.

Wheatley 55; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Economy

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Upsetting the "Set-Up": Understanding Class Differences in the US and Tools for Change

This is a three-hour workshop on giving participants an understanding of how class issues are prevalent and unspoken in US society. It involves a personal qualification of hope and experience of the speaker who has moved from low-income and poverty up through classes. Participants look closely at institutions (including the Activist/Non-profit institutions) to determine how people in those institutions are affected by class oppression and what we can do about it-- ideas/tools for change. An open discussion will follow with Randy Viscio, former National Outreach Coordinator SEAC- 91'-92'

Wheatley 44; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Education

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Funding Early Childcare

This workshop outlines the importance of funding early care and learning instead of military projects. The workshop gives an overview of child care in society- its effects on learning and brain development, the importance of paying teachers and promoting quality care, the effects for families and women, and the movements and political agenda now in progress to promote early childhood education in our state and around the country.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Wheatley 9; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Education

Other

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Science Center 66; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

*Education
Economy*

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Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Environment

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McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Environment
Health*

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McCormack 433; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Seminar

*Environment
Climate Change
Water*

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Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Lecture

*Environment
Health*

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Human Service and Social Change: Education that can make a difference

We are at a critical time in health and human services. Funds are lacking and disparities overwhelm. The Human Service program seeks to educate students and others in theories, methods and real life experiences that incorporate cultural sensitivity and awareness, builds on strengths and recognizes the interconnectedness of many systems. The time for change is now! Working in a way that is inclusive and that values the contributions of all those involved, the philosophy of the program is to provide an educational experience that will serve to strengthen and empower our students while they gain the skills and knowledge that will allow them to foster this way of delivering services with the families and communities they work with. Our goal is to be an integral part of the change that needs to happen to create a more just and equitable society, to reduce the oppressive way services are delivered and to help individuals, families and communities reach the goals they have for their own lives.

Transformative Community Planning for Community Development

Following a short presentation defining transformative community planning, workshop participants will explore in more depth one of three themes central to the practice of participatory planning. Reflecting on written material provided and drawing from their own experiences, participants will analyze community planning and/or organizing situations. Examples and analyses from each group will be shared and discussed in the larger group with the aim of improving community development practice.

An Urban Challenge to Air Pollution and Global Warming: Communities of Color Fighting for Cleaner Air and a Healthier Planet

Presented by Eric Mann and Cynthia Rojas, this workshop will aim to engage the following questions: * How do we teach about air pollution its public health dangers (asthma, cancer, etc.) and its environmental dangers (global warming, oil extraction, etc.) in accessible terms to working class and communities of peoples of color? * How do we organize and engage women, immigrants, Blacks, Latinos, Asian Pacific-Islanders, young people in a campaign to challenge the environmental, civil rights and public health policies of corporate polluters and their government supporters? * What does building an internationalist movement led by working class communities of color and in solidarity with third world movements look like? What tactics do we or can we employ?

Contaminants in the Environment and the Precautionary Principle--DO NO HARM

Sandra Steingraber of Ithaca College and Joel Tickner of U. Mass Lowell will provide an overview on contaminants and the Precautionary Principle and present on how accumulation of pollution in our bodies, the body burden, is linked to the development late in life of dementia, Parkinsons, and Alzheimer's diseases --the issues of environmental pollution and constitutional authority. Their discussion around the Precautionary Principle allows for talk about corporations, corporate welfare, health care and the need for campaign finance reform. Additional panel members will each provide a synopsis of workshops to follow which give specifics of both an aspect of contamination and the steps taken to address the problem.

National Campaign for Creating a Sustainable Future

During the World Summit Conference in 2002 the US (along with the rest of the countries of the world) committed to creating a National Strategy Plan for Sustainability and to begin to implement it by 2005. The government has done nothing more on this since then, so civil society is taking the lead. Come and help the Citizens Network design a Campaign to: 1) raise public awareness, 2) advocate and plan for a Fully Sustainable Future, and 3) make Sustainability a political priority at the local, state, and national levels. Each of us has a duty as citizens, family members, within business, government, the community, etc to live a more responsible and sustainable life. The US Charter Project helps to provide a strategy and the tools to do so. Come learn about it. See: www.citnet.org/leadership and www.alliance21.org/en/charte

Organic Care of Lawns and Landscapes: How and Why

Sarah Little, pesticide awareness coordinator for the Town of Wellesley, will present the scientific evidence that pesticides used on lawns and landscapes are hazardous to the environment and to the health of humans and pets. Don Bishop, an organic land care professional, will present methods for managing your lawns and landscapes organically. We will respond to questions about how to work with your landscaper, your children's school, and your town to reduce or eliminate the use of synthetic pesticides and fertilizers, and how to care for your own yard organically.

**Healey Library Media
Presenation Room 3; Floor:**

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

*Faith
Movement Building*

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Prayer Bloc: A Call to Action

PrayerBloc is a concept, an invitation open to all, and it is a framework for transforming our faith into action. People of all faiths, we are putting out the call for religious and spiritually minded people to gather together to call for a world of peace and justice where the rights and dignity of all human beings are respected. We call upon ourselves and each other, as people of faith and conviction, to emerge as PRAYERBLOC FORMATIONS across the cities of Boston and New York during the National Conventions.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Healey Library Media Conference Room; Floor:
Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)
Workshop
*Faith
Peace*

Contact Information:

Agape Community
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The Power of Nonviolence: Building and Sustaining Communities of Noncooperation

This workshop presented by Brayton Shanley of the Agape Community will focus on the gospel of nonviolence in building sustainable, "green" communities with alternative energy, non-oil use and non-cooperation with state violence. Through the prophetic truth of Jesus, we are compelled to build communities of peace which speak truth to power. Holding our churches accountable to the gospel standard of Enemy Love means asking ourselves the question: "Is Jesus Enough?"

Wheatley 46; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)
Workshop
GLBT track

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A journey to inclusion: LGBT

Although the Stonewall riots, long considered the start of the LGBT movement, were begun by young, mostly genderqueer, youth of color, the movement was quickly co-opted by middle class, white gay men and lesbians. Bisexuals, transgender folks, and LGBT people of color were marginalized and systemically excluded from positions of power. Some progressive LGBT organizations and agencies are beginning to address the racial and economic inequities with the LGBT movement, to explore multi-issue social justice organizing and to incorporate anti-racism work into the heart of their programs. The work is exciting – and challenging. This discussion based workshop, led by Robin McHaelen, Executive Director of True Colors, Inc. Sexual Minority Youth and Family Services of CT, will explore some of the issues they faced – and continue to face – as they work to become an anti-racist agency and will offer participants an opportunity to share their own journeys, struggles and solutions.

Wheatley CPCS Wheatley W-4-141; Floor:

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)
Lecture
*Global Justice
Other*

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A Mother's Promise the World Must Keep

A mother's promise to her children is about the future. It is a promise of love, security, shelter, food, good health, a clean environment, and education to help her children secure that future. But poverty, disease, ignorance, injustice - and politics - make this promise an impossible one for millions of women. The National Wildlife Federation is currently working with several organizations on a campaign known as A Mother's Promise the World Must Keep to confront this reality, which urges citizens, civic groups, local and state governments, and public officials to re-affirm the promises made at the groundbreaking International Conference on Population and Development held in Cairo in 1994. This new, human rights-based strategy takes into account influences such as gender equity, education, health, consumption, poverty, migration, economic development, and access to natural resources.

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)
Other
*Global Justice
Peace
Strategic Non-Violence*

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Facts on the Ground

A digital slide show about Palestine & Israel by Skip Schiel with images from his journey in November 2003 with a delegation from the Fellowship of Reconciliation, 60 minutes plus conversation Occupations by various powers permeate the historic Levant landscape. Currently, Israelis dominate the region, causing great suffering among the Palestinian people. Israelis are fearful about terrorist bombings, a threat some believe might eventually result in their expulsion. For two weeks Skip Schiel participated in an alternative or reality tour of the region. He met peace and justice workers, Palestinian and Israeli, largely in the secular nonviolent tradition. He shared with the Palestinians the closures, curfews, road blocks, and checkpoints that are now part of the second Intifada. And he shared with Israelis the fears spawned by the wave of terrorist bombings. Hope springs from struggle, he believes, and his slide show will attempt to illustrate the conditions and the struggle.

McCormack Cafeteria; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop
*Global Justice
Peace
Economy*

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Global Exchange, Center for
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Peace and Global Justice, or War and Empire? Struggles of US Movements

* Claudia Rodriguez-Zinn (Global Exchange) - chair
Representatives of groups active in World Social Forum efforts (including American Friends Service Committee, Global Exchange, Solidarity, 50 Years Is Enough, National Youth and Student Peace Coalition, International Socialist Organization) discuss efforts to oppose war and the U.S. drive for empire through international activities coordinated with building movements for social change in the United States. South African/U.S. poet and activist Dennis Brutus will be a featured participant.

McCormack 208; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Lecture
*Global Justice
Economy*

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The Impacts of Renewed Nuclear Testing in Light of New Nuclear Rearmament

A program, which we present in Utah, that covers the history of the atomic west, the first nuclear testing phase, and the future of testing at the Nevada Test Site. This is a power point presentation with a question and answer period followed by action items. Our most important contribution is revealing many of the facts surrounding our nuclear testing history. The fact is that we are all downwinders, and if born between 1955 and 1992 any one of us could contract illnesses related to fallout. We hope to enlighten the audience to the patterns of deceit by the government, the health effects of radiation on humans, the environmental impacts, and the effects of renewed testing on foreign policy and the economy. We also distribute informational handouts, and action post cards - preprinted cards that require your name and address, addressed to Congress for mailing.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Wheatley 198; Floor: 2
Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Film Screening
*Global Justice
Science & Technology*

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Through Farmer's Eyes: Impacts of Industrialized Agriculture

The film unveils the impact of massive corporate agriculture on family farmers, the environment and entire communities and the reaction from farmers from around the world. In September 2003, nine farmers and farm activists from Europe, Brazil, and Mexico journeyed to the mid-west of the United States to tour agricultural areas and to see the effects large scale Factory Farms have on traditional farming communities and the environment. Then participants headed to Chicago to meet with a newer player in the industrial agriculture chain: the Irradiation Industry. Primary is the need to prevent the industrialization of the world's food supply, and to promote sustainable farming models as the alternative to Factory Farms. The farmers' collective agreement is that this destructive industrialized method of agriculture cannot be exported; rather family farms must be protected to ensure food sovereignty.

Science Center 65; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Other
*Global Justice
Peace
Economy*

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Video Screening of the Disclosure Project and Lecture by Michael White

Screening of the two hour executive summary video of testimony from the military, corporate, scientific and government witnesses of the Disclosure Project. Lecture by Disclosure Project representative and CSETI researcher Michael White, including important project updates, goals, and how the public can get involved. This presentation will explore how we can end dependency on fossil fuels, and the unconstitutional secrecy on the subjects of UFOs, extraterrestrials, and the technological breakthroughs that relate to the study of these subjects by secret factions of the military/industrial complex. Active role of citizens in the process of disclosure will be emphasized, and calling for public, secrecy-free congressional hearings for over 400 witnesses that have now come forward to break national security oaths that 'we the people' have deamed are unconstitutional.

Wheatley 19; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Seminar
Health

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PROVIDING ACUPUNCTURE IN A PUBLIC HEALTH SETTING. AIDS Care Project and Pathways to Wellness

The AIDS Care Project (ACP) in Boston opened an acupuncture clinic in 1989 responding to community demand by people living with HIV/AIDS who could not afford to pay for services. ACP works with all sectors of the public health care establishment, including hospitals and community centers as well as public health departments, Visiting Nurse Associations, third party and other public payers, and area universities. Over 3000 individuals have utilized the services, including people in recovery from illicit drug and alcohol use at residential treatment centers, homeless teenagers at outreach centers, women in transition shelters, and at home for individuals unable to travel. In order to make treatment affordable, payment through public health funders and private donors has been secured. The model developed by ACP has become nationally recognized for innovation and service. Elizabeth Sommers, MPH, LicAc., Brock Haines, MAc, LicAc

McCormack 430; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Lecture
*Health
Global Justice*

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National Wildlife Federation
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Ten Years After Cairo: Reaffirming Commitments to Sustainable Development

This lecture presentation will introduce participants to the national grassroots campaign called "A Mother's Promise the World Must Keep." This campaign marks the tenth anniversary of the landmark International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) in Cairo, where 179 nations pushed forward a population strategy that places both men and women at the center of development. This new, human rights-based approach to population takes into account influences such as gender equity, education, health, consumption, poverty, migration, economic development, and access to natural resources. Through the Mother's Promise campaign, the National Wildlife Federation is targeting civic leaders, organizations and individuals, to urge the US government to keep the promises it made in Cairo. Through these efforts, people and wildlife will have a chance to thrive in a healthy environment.

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop
*Health
Education
Global Justice*

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Youth at the forefront of the fight against HIV/AIDS: creative approach to outreach and education.

Representants of the Comite Contra SIDA (Ana Maria, Ramiro, Wilian) from Santa Marta, El Salvador, will present their dynamic and comprehensive approach to HIV education. They will bring you to your feet, literally. The issues they deal with range from information on STD, HIV, gender role, domestic violence to forging self-esteem, fostering leadership and community organizing to effectively challenge the root causes of the disease. Their presentation will draw from their own life experience growing up in refugee camps in Honduras, returning to their village to rebuild their community and living the daily reality of surviving in a remote rural community further pushed into poverty by the reality of "free trade". They will hopefully be joined by a group of local youth addressing in their own way the crisis of HIV/AIDS in their community

Wheatley 41; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Other
Immigration

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Strategy Meeting on Comprehensive Immigration Reform

Sponsored by the Massachusetts Legalization Committee, a discussion of the current status of federal legislation and next steps in the campaign for a new legalization program for undocumented immigrants.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

McCormack 209; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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Depleted Uranium & U.S. Wars

The dangers posed by depleted uranium weapons became apparent in the wake of "Desert Storm" in 1991. Many U.S. veterans exposed to D.U began suffering unexplained ailments – including cancer. With hundreds of thousands of tons of exploded D.U. munitions and other D.U. armaments still littering southern Iraq, cancer rates and birth defects among Iraqis soared, claiming thousands more lives. D.U. weapons were used again against Serbia in 1998 and in the 2003 invasion of Iraq. This workshop has been organized in conjunction with Grassroots Actions for Peace and the Environment Track. It will focus on several national groups working to eliminate D.U. weapons. It will also include a power point on the use and devastating impacts of D.U. prepared by Dr. Jawad Al-Ali, the leading cancer doctor in Southern Iraq, as well as several other poster-picture exhibits. – Speakers include: Carol Dwyer – Gretel Munroe – Grassroots – Rae Street and Others to be announced

Wheatley 6; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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Growing Tensions Between the U.S. & the World's Nations

This workshop is part of the U.S. Hegemony & Pre-Emptive War Conference, which is part of the larger "A World Working Together for Peace" track organized by the American Friends Service Committee, the European Network for Peace and Human Rights, and others. It will serve to highlight and examine the increasing alienation of U.S. society, policymakers and political elite from the international community. Workshop leaders will shed light on the dangerous implications of the U.S.'s continual disregard for multilateral and peaceful solutions, and its failure to comply with international alliances and treaties in the interest of preserving hegemony. Workshop speakers include: Amal Basha (Yemen) - Executive Director, Sisters Arab Forum. Agnetta Norberg (Sweden) - Vice-Chair, Swedish Peace Council Tony Simpson (Britain) - Bertrand Russell Peace Foundation Phyllis Bennis (U.S.) - Institute for Policy Studies, co-founder of the U.S. Campaign to End Israeli Occupation. Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy (Pakistan) – Professor, Quaid-e-Azam University

McCormack 207; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Conversations with Ariel and Yassir's Friends

Are the prospects for Israeli-Palestinian peace hopeless, helpless or hopeful? As a delegate from Churches for a Middle East Peace, Reverend Jim Kofski heard elements of each perspective during a ten-day visit to Beirut, Amman, and Jerusalem. In this workshop, he will engage the audience in a conversation based on this theme, as well as offer thoughts from the U.S. Ambassador to Lebanon, Jordan's Foreign Minister, Jerusalem's Catholic Patriarch, and other government, religious, and NGO representatives, both Israeli and Palestinian. Jim Kofski is a Maryknoll priest who has lived and worked in Cairo and Jerusalem for over ten years. He has also served in Bangkok for six years, and currently works for the last three years in the Maryknoll Office for Global Concerns. Jim is deeply interested in facilitating the expression of viewpoints from the Middle East that are sorely lacking in U.S. government policy.

Healey Library Media Presentation Room 4; Floor:

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Gaza Strip (74 min) documentary by James Longley

Shot entirely within the Israeli occupied Gaza Strip, Longley captures the day-to-day realities of living in one of the most densely populated and militarily savaged regions on earth. Among other things, the film documents an extremely controversial incident in which the Israeli military used an unidentified, powerful gas during a firefight, hospitalizing over 200 Palestinians with severe recurrent convulsions.

Wheatley 200; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Israel-Palestine Conference Media

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Media, What You Can Do!!

Move beyond the observations presented in "Peace Propaganda and the Promised Land," to action. The workshop will explore strategies for approaching media; from techniques for effective letter and oped writing, to use of language, to supplying editors and reporters with material they are missing. We will also explore alternative media and its' impact, possibilities and limitations. An enormous difference can be made if everyone contributes. Tom Wallace is director of Mid East Focus, a Communications Awareness Project in Boston. He is also a regional leader for Palestine Media Watch and was the ISM media coordinator in the Spring of 2003.

Wheatley 20; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Lifestyles & Personal Choices

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Putting Your Values Into Action

Putting Your Values Into Action - What's important to you? What kind of world do you want to live in? This workshop will give you the resources and skills to put your values into action and effectively make the changes you want to make. An invitation to a participatory and inspirational experience where you will: > review the five places where change happens > identify what's important to you, the changes you want made and the roadblocks to change, and much more.....

McCormack 420; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Localization Democracy

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Global Questions, Local Answers

How can Massachusetts cities, towns, and counties deal with the challenges of NAFTA, WTO, IMF and World Bank, and still maintain autonomy? A far-sighted group of businesspeople, public sector employees, and citizens in the MetroWest area of eastern Massachusetts are responding to globalization pressures, new industry development and other growth concerns by a cooperative form of regional planning and action. Housing, transportation and economic development are pursued independently by locales but are inter-related and need to be evaluated regionally as larger forces such as Globalization make their impact. This workshop will illustrate local initiatives and engage participants for adaptation to other localities. Speakers will be State Senator David Magnani and Kathleen Bartolini, Framingham Director of Economic Development & Planning, plus a business specialist to be introduced by Robert Stubbs, past chairman of UUJEC, Boston.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Healey Library Media Auditorium - LL-135; Floor:

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Media Labor Jobs & the New England Eco Economy

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Taming the Media Tigers: Labor Activism and Media

Alliances are crucial for media activists and organizers to build with the labor unions fighting for their jobs amid downsizing by media giants like Comcast, the New York Times (owning the Boston Globe), News Corp., Disney or Time-Warner. Presenters include: Elijah Wald, writer, organizer, former Boston Globe Reporter; Rand Wilson, Jobs With Justice; Gerard Colby, president of the National Writers Union.

McCormack 428; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Movement Building Economy

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United for a Fair Economy
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Facing Our Historical White Advantages:

A workshop for white activists Even those of us white Americans who didn't inherit wealth did inherit white advantages from our parents, grandparents and ancestors. Understanding the boosts from the past is essential to becoming effective anti-racist allies in the present. In this experiential workshop we will explore the impacts of policy on our family history and discuss ways to open opportunities for prosperity to everyone. Betsy Leondar-Wright is part of the Racial Wealth Divide team at United for a Fair Economy and co-author of UFE's forthcoming book, *The Color of Wealth: How Government Actions Widened the Racial Wealth Divide.*

Wheatley 56; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Movement Building

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Teen Empowerment
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Nothing Ever Gets Done at Our Meetings! How Interactive Agendas Can Increase Productivity, Engagement, and Relationship Building

This interactive workshop exposes participants to the Teen Empowerment model of interactive group facilitation methods, and to the ability these methods have to make group meetings more dynamic and constructive. Participants will understand the relationship between interactive agendas and increased productivity, and will learn techniques to build relationships, encourage generation of ideas, build consensus and investment in decisions, and unearth and resolve dysfunctional group dynamics. This workshop introduces the skill of group facilitation using interactive techniques including learning how to conduct and debrief activities, and how to design and implement an interactive format. The techniques demonstrated can be used to deal with a wide variety of issues, including orienting new staff or members, preventing and resolving conflicts, increasing staff or member retention, and creating an atmosphere of safety that allows for honest expression of ideas. Although tailored for community organizers & program staff & directors this workshop is suitable for a wide audience and can be used with almost any group of people, adults or youth.

Wheatley Wheatley A [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Movement Building

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Radical Organizing: How to Build for Long Term Change as Part of your Day-to-Day Work

This workshop will look specifically at City Life/Vida Urbana's experience in developing a radical organizing model that links tenant organizing fights against displacement to a multi issue agenda and an analysis of the "big picture." How does City Life's intention to bring out a broader analysis affect how it does tenant organizing? What is the curriculum City Life uses in its discussion groups with tenant leaders? How do the City Life discussion groups connect to a tradition of popular education in the Freire model? Panelists: Elena Blanco, Cheryl Lawrence, Steve Meacham, Mark Pedulla, from City Life/Vida Urbana. Dawn Belkin, a volunteer activist with City Life and a mental health worker who also uses Freire methods in work.

Wheatley 64; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Lecture

Movement Building

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What Is to Be Done? Thinking about a Strategy for a Future Left--Today

JOHN SANBONMATSU teaches philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and is the author of THE POSTMODERN PRINCE: CRITICAL THEORY, LEFT STRATEGY, AND THE MAKING OF A NEW POLITICAL SUBJECT (Monthly Review, June 2004). The presentation focuses on the future of the Left and the need for a coherent strategy to bring about social change. It is abundantly clear that the sum of our many diverse movements is smaller than the fragmented parts. It is time to remedy this situation by uniting our movements, articulating and defending a common set of values, and even developing a universal religious vision. Otherwise, we will continue to be morally right, but politically impotent.

Wheatley 4; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Women's Web/Feminist Agenda Womens Liberation

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Jobs With Justice
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Women's Work: Challenges facing women at work

As the recent lawsuit by women workers at Wal-Mart shows, discrimination continues for many women workers across the economy. Women continue to make significantly less than male coworkers in the same job and face sexual harassment and exclusion from many job categories. This workshop will include women from different work environments discussing the challenges they face and how they are organizing to confront them. Contact: Jennifer Doe, Jobs With Justice, 617-524-8778 or email jwj@jwj.net

Wheatley 63; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Peace Culture

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Psychodynamics of Empire

In addition to the known factors -- economic, political, military -- behind current US foreign policy, there are also irrational and unconscious factors motivating public support for the country's militaristic approach to foreign affairs. This workshop will draw upon contemporary psychoanalytic thinking to elucidate some of these irrational factors: the quest for personal and social security, the terror of economic and social failure in the contemporary US, the psychological effects of the fraying of the social safety net, unconscious conflicts interfering with cooperative group functioning. These factors increase the tendency to psychologically create a feared and hated other, the enemy, onto whom all evil can be projected. Efforts to destroy this evil are thus doomed to failure because they are attempts to destroy disowned portions of the personal and social self. Implications for social change strategies will also be discussed. The workshop will combine presentations with group discussion.

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Science Center Lipke Auditorium; Floor: 2
Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)
Panel Discussion
Science & Technology Environment

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Environmental Justice: A Global Perspective on the Politics of Environment

Representatives from academia, government and the non-profit sector will present the environmental justice movement in a global context, describing both local and international cases of environmental inequality and various strategies for change. Topics discussed will include: asthma and the urban environment in Northeastern, USA and displacement of artisanal fishers in South India.

Healey Library University Club; Floor: 11

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)
Lecture

Strategic Non-Violence Democracy

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McCormack 210; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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Bloodless Revolution in New England

The little-known revolution before Lexington and Concord, in which Massachusetts farmers and townsmen set up popular rule by a network of local councils, and forced British magistrates from office. Implications for contemporary nonviolent strategy. By Ray Raphael, author of 12 histories including "A People's History of the American Revolution: How common people shaped the fight for independence" (2001).

Powermapping/Holding Your Administration Accountable

Has your campaign been wandering aimlessly? Do you know who your "target" is? Do you ever meet with administrators and leave the meeting without having made any progress? Often times campaigns suffer because students either don't choose a target or know what one is, are targeting the wrong person, or don't know how to interact with targets to hold them accountable and work with them strategically. Come to this workshop to learn how to find your target, figure out what will influence them, and learn practical tips and techniques for meeting with administrators and getting what you want out of the meeting.

Science Center 63; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Water

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Double H-2-the-O! Creative Resistance To Water Commodification

Come armed with your art supplies (or any materials you find lying around), musical instruments, and passion for community activism and social change. Holly Wren Spaulding of Sweetwater Alliance, Michigan, and Sara Ehrhardt of the Council of Canadians will facilitate interactive theater experiences, radical cheers, and junk art galore. We are celebrating water for life, not for profit and our goal, as artist activists is to make everyday revolutions irresistible! Join us.

Science Center 62; Floor: 2

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Lecture

Water

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Housing Rights and Slum Eviction Situation in Bangladesh

A 7-10 page report on slums eviction in Bangladesh and the constitutional rights of citizens for their Shelter/Housing. The urban poor/slum dwellers are actively contributing to the city life and the national economy of Bangladesh, but when the Government authorities evict the Slums they do not plan for any re-habilitation of them. No plan exists for the re-location of the urban poor. After every eviction, the poor slum dwellers become more poor; they lose their jobs and social crime has been increased as a result of the unplanned eviction.

McCormack 417; Floor: 1

Events I (Friday 1:30-3:00)

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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Testimony as a Tool for Developing Human Rights Approaches to Social Injustices

The Battered Mother's Testimony Project interviewed 40 battered mothers who had experienced human rights violations while navigating the family court system in 11 of Massachusetts' 14 counties, as they fight against abusers for custody of their children. A short videotape of the public tribunal in which some mothers gave testimony to their experiences will be shown. This workshop will explain the project's methodology, findings and intentions, and barriers to carrying the recommendations forward. The workshop will be led by Monica Ghosh Driggers, who served as the Policy Director for the Women's Rights Network (WRN) at the Wellesley Centers for Women. She co-authored WRN's report, Battered Mothers Speak Out: A Human Rights Report on Child Custody and Domestic Violence in the Massachusetts State Court. Monica will be joined by Gail Burton, founder of the Freedwoman Project, a collaborative of professionals who address civil and human rights issues among incarcerated and poor women.

2:30pm - 3:30pm

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2:30pm - 3:30pm

Lecture

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Sister! Sister! From Interview to Performance

Award-winning Broadway actress Vinnie Burrows will perform segments of her one-woman show, "Sister! Sister!" Through demonstration and lecture, she will illuminate the process of transforming oral history and testimony into performance for the stage. She will also discuss some of the moral and political reasons for working in these media. Vinnie Burrows began her career as a child performer on radio. After a successful early career on Broadway, she became frustrated by the quality of the roles available to the serious actor of color. This led her begin writing and producing works of her own, and in the Black Theatre Network honored her with their Fletcher Award for lifetime excellence. For more than two decades, Vinnie has been NGO representative to the United Nations for the Women's International Democratic Federation.

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

3:00pm - 4:00pm

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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The State of Choice in Massachusetts: An Interactive Workshop

In this interactive workshop, Melissa Kogut of NARAL Pro-Choice Massachusetts speaks on the state of choice in Massachusetts, and how political activism can help shape the face of state politics. Come learn about choice actions in Massachusetts, and get answers to your questions about the issue of choice in America. Melissa Kogut is the Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Wheatley Snowden Auditorium; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Film Screening

BSF Film Series Culture

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Film Series Committee
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Resistencia: Hip-Hop in Colombia; & The Sixth Section

Director / Producer: Tom Feiling; Assistant Producer: Daniel Wilson, 2002, 51 min. This documentary film is a radical and thought-provoking exploration of how young Colombians feel about the crisis afflicting their country. The film gives an intimate insight into life in the barrios of a very volatile country, and how traditional Latino music is losing out to rap music. Its style is youthful and entertaining, but also angry and enlightening. Co-sponsored by the Boston Latino International Film Festival Title: The Sixth Section Alex Rivera, 2003, 26 min., Bilingual (Spanish/English) The sixth section is a groundbreaking documentary that blends digital animation, home video, cinema verité, and interview footage to depict the transnational organizing of a community of Mexican immigrants in New York. The men profiled in the film form an organization called 'Grupo Unión,' which is devoted to raising money in the United States to rebuild the Mexican town that they've left behind. Grupo Unión is one of at least a thousand "hometown associations" formed by Mexican immigrants in the United States, and they are beginning to have a major impact in the politics and economics of both the U.S. and Mexico. Co-sponsored by the Boston Latino International Film Festival

Challenging Corporate Power I: Mean Corporations Screwing Good People!

Panelists include Ricardo Navarro (Chairperson, Friends of the Earth International), Akinbode Oluwafemi (Media Officer, Environmental Rights Action Nigeria), Sangita Nayak (Media Officer, 9to5 the National Association of Working Women), Medea Benjamin (Global Exchange), Matt Nelson (Education for the People), and Amit Srivastava (India Resource Center). Title, notwithstanding, a serious look at the exercise of corporate power at home and abroad.

Science Center Lipke Auditorium; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

Challenging Corporate Power Health Environment

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An Urban Challenge to Air Pollution and Global Warming

An Urban Challenge to Air Pollution and Global Warming: the Multi-Racial Working Class Fights for Cleaner Air and a Healthier Planet. This workshop will aim to engage the following questions: How do we teach about air pollution, its public health dangers (asthma, cancer, etc.) and its environmental dangers (global warming, oil extraction, etc.) in accessible terms to working class and communities of peoples of color? How do we organize and engage women, immigrants, Blacks, Latinos, Asian Pacific-Islanders, young people in a campaign to challenge the environmental, civil rights and public health policies of corporate polluters and their government supporters? What does building an internationalist movement led by working class communities of color and in solidarity with third world movements look like? What tactics do we or can we employ?

McCormack 213; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Climate Change Environment Movement Building

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Wheatley 158; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Seminar

Climate Change Science & Technology Environment

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Beyond Oil--Averting Global Crisis, Session I: Where We Are Now

Speaker: Elizabeth Drake, MIT Energy and Environment Group. 45 minutes. Elisabeth Drake is currently Emeritus Staff at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology's (MIT) Laboratory for Energy and the Environment. Dr. Drake's MIT work focuses upon facilitating development of sustainable approaches to world energy usage. From 1990-2001 Drake was the Associate Director for New Technologies at MIT's Energy Laboratory where she conducted research on new technology development in the context of the growing importance of environmental sustainability and resource conservation in internationally competitive markets. Discussants: 75 minutes. (1) Planning necessary to avert crisis. (2) Extent that it is done. (3) Reasons we are in current state, the political process

Healey Library Media Conference Room; Floor:

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

Contact Information:

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Black Cop/ Latino Cop- Reversing the Criminalization and Ending the Occupation of Our Communities Inside and Outside the United States

How does the Prison Industrial Complex as an arm of state repression serve to reinforce National Oppression inside the United States? What is National Oppression? Reversing the criminalization/ self-criminalization of Black and Latino communities using a national oppression analysis. We won't be police in South Iraq nor policed in South Los Angeles-How to connect the anti-occupation fight here and abroad? Reparations for African Descendants as a key demand to build a de-incarceration movement internationally.

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Wheatley Wheatley B [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Workshop
Culture
Education

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Citizens of the World
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The Challenge of the Century: Being a Citizen of the World
Many people feel they belong to the world at large. How does this affect you and what does it mean for the next 50 years? We will look at the geography and demographics of a changing world and the mental maps we need to create to navigate through the rest of our lives.

Healey Library Media Presentation Room 3; Floor:
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Workshop
Democracy

Contact Information:
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Grassroots Expanded Use Of Technology
RICH COWAN of Organize Now will provide a valuable "hands-on" tutorial and briefing regarding the process and benefits of state-of-the-art technology to improve the effectiveness of grassroots organizations. The workshop will include an Organizer's DataBase ODB demonstration

McCormack 208; Floor: 1
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Workshop
Democracy
Education
Other

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How To Contribute To Public Policy
Advocacy and Policy: How to get Legislators to Pay Attention to Your Concerns This two hour workshop has already helped grassroots groups, religious organizations, social/human service agencies, and other progressive activists know more about the legislative process and how to positively affect public policy decisions in their town, state, a federal legislative bodies. Topics include: What is Public Policy? who, what and why it's created, how a bill becomes a law, the public hearing arena, creative ways to advocate, and how to contact your legislator and have them act on your concerns. Each workshop will culminate with each individual creating a written outline for a Course of Action and a Plan for Staying Involved.

McCormack 206; Floor: 1
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Workshop
Democracy
Localization

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How To Run For Public Office
Presented by Dottie LaMeiux a successful candidate, and, most recently, acting as the California Political Director for the Dennis Kucinich campaign. will provide a workshop for potential candidates for public office or anyone interested in the electoral process. It covers what a progressive candidate needs to know to run a successful grassroots campaign, overcome fund raising deficits, get the message out to voters and win. It will also discuss campaigns and community organizing for social and environmental issues. It encompasses running for and holding public office, successfully running progressive electoral and issue campaigns in the San Francisco Bay Area and advising clients in grassroots community organizing

McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion
Democracy

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Regain Consent: "...by the people, for the people..."
NANCY TALANIAN, director of Bill of Rights Defense Committee, KAREN DOLAN, director Cities for Peace and Progressive Challenge of the Institute for Policy Studies, MARILYN LEVIN of the ACLU and "CHUCK" TURNER, Boston City Councilor will present. In the face of laws and policies that threaten civil rights and liberties and deprive our communities of needed funds in order to fund a preemptive war in Iraq, two grassroots campaigns—the Bill of Rights Defense Movement and Cities for Peace—have brought these issues to the people and their community governments. The directors of the Bill of Rights Defense Committee and Cities for Peace will use these movements as examples of how to translate national policy into a local issue. A city councilor whose council has considered a Bill of Rights resolution and a Cities for Peace resolution will offer the perspective of a local legislator. The Bill of Rights Defense and Cities for Peace movements have used bottom-up grassroots democracy to enhance education, debate, and some decision making on vital issues to the local level.

Wheatley 45; Floor: 1
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion
Democracy

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Regaining Democracy by Ending Corporate Control-- DEMOCRACY PANEL VI
Nancy Price, with Barbara Brandt, Betsy Barnum and Adam Sacks will provide an overview of current and expanding undemocratic control mechanisms, which include the extent to which trade treaties reach down to dictate at the local governance level. Workshop will include steps to wake up local officials & restore decision making to the people.

Wheatley 62; Floor: 1
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop
Democracy

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Take Back Your Time: An Emerging Movement for Economic/Social Justice, Environmental Sustainability and Personal Well-Being."
BARBARA BRANDT is an activist interested in the intersection of personal well-being and social change. She will discuss why we are having time problems (overwork, speeded-up lives) in the U.S. since the late 1970s, especially so much more than in the rest of the industrialized world. She will describe the unique strategy of the Take Back Your Time movement, which promotes both personal and family solutions (Individual Change) as well as workplace cultural and structural solutions (Social Change) to the problem. And she will report on the successes and growth of the "Take Back Your Time" movement since its founding in 2002.

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

McCormack 207; Floor: 1
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop
Democracy
Other

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop
Economy
Movement Building

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McCormack 418; Floor: 1
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Seminar
Economy

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Science Center 64; Floor: 2
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop
Economy

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Science Center 63; Floor: 2
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop
Education
Health
Culture

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Wheatley Wheatley A [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion
Education

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McCormack 430; Floor: 3
Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop
Environment

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Who Is Shut Out Of The Political Process and How?
Mass Voters for Clean Elections will give a brief overview of the role of money and politics and how folks who don't have access to wealth are shut out of the political process. We will briefly discuss the status of the Clean Elections movement in Mass and across the country. The workshop will be an interactive discussion on how we can reinvigorate democracy and election reforms.

Dump the Bosses off Your Back! Building a Worker-Controlled Economy
Our present economy is structured to meet the needs of corporations and employers, who exercise absolute dictatorial control over the workplaces where we toil to produce their wealth. As long as our workplaces and the means of survival are controlled by a few, true democracy is impossible. This workshop will explore strategies for building a movement to challenge the employer-controlled economy, and replace it with an economy controlled by those who do the work and organized to meet human needs. Presenters: Alexis Buss, General Secretary-Treasurer, Industrial Workers of the World; Jon Bekken, Editor, the Industrial Worker, monthly newspaper of the Industrial Workers of the World

Socialists and the Labor Party Question in the U.S.
Join a discussion with Eric Chester on his new book, "True Mission: Socialists and the Labor Party Question in the US." Chester is a life-long activist who has taught economics at the university level, written other books including Socialists at the Ballot Box and Rag-Tags, Scum, Riff-Raff and Commies: The US Intervention in the Dominican Republic, 1965-66. He has been the Socialist Party candidate for Vice-President in 1996 and a US Congressional candidate in western MA in 2000.

The Contract for Mutual Responsibility: A Constitutional Solution to the Economic Divisions of Man.
The wash of history is misunderstood. Marx was wrong, Thomas Paine was ignored. We replaced an old system of hypocrisy with new systems of hypocrisy. The message in Orwell's 1984 is that of an insane society, where all three sides can only find comfort in believing their own lies. They deny the past, live in hate, and fear the future. The three realms of man are religious, political and economic. It is the hypocrisy in any one realm that preserves the hypocrisy of the other two. Five Constitutional changes can systemically alter our relationship with property and with one another. These changes will not end hypocrisy, but they will alter its privileges. World Peace should be our goal, and to resolve that we need to understand thousands of years of slavery, as well as the virus that the American Revolution spread. Every war is a civil war.

Latin American School of Medicine Scholarship Program
The Latin American School of Medicine in Cuba has 500 fully paid scholarships available to youth in the United States. This great opportunity enables youth to study medicine without having to pay the astronomical tuition that medical schools cost in the U.S. This workshop will provide an opportunity for prospective applicants, community leaders, medical professionals, teachers and counselors to learn about this wonderful offer. This workshop will include information on the application process, the curriculum, history of the Latin American School of Medicine, and Cuban health care as an alternative for addressing the worsening U.S health care crisis. Information will also be given on how individuals can further promote the program and assist in internship, externship and observership opportunities for the students.

Opening Panel: Dreams Deferred: How can we Advocate for a Vision of Educational Equity and Excellence for All?
50 years after the momentous Supreme Court Decision striking down segregated schools in Brown vs. the Board of Education, we are still challenged by the systematic denial of equal educational opportunities for many, particularly Blacks, Latinos, immigrants, and the poor. Will policies such as "No Child Left Behind", English immersion, and privatization, provide equity and meet diverse needs? Or, do they increase the gap between the privileged and those who are marginalized, in the guise of providing educational equity? Panelists will help set the context frame the discussions in the education track, across all the issue areas, providing a new vision for educational equity and excellence, which would support the creation of a just society. Panelists: Monty Neil, FairTest; Jean McGuire, METCO; Hanna Gebretensae, BCNC Acorn Child Care Center, and others. Moderator: Tom Louie, Political Research Associates

Boston Urban Asthma Coalition: Advocacy in Urban Areas
Asthma is one of the most common chronic diseases worldwide and its incidence is increasing. In the United States, this disease particularly affects urban areas. Research studies have linked poor environmental conditions to the cause and exacerbation of asthma. The Urban Asthma Coalition of Boston aims to promote collaboration between organizations and residents concerned about the various factors that affect asthma such as the environment, quality of health care, access to health care, and education. This Collaboration taps into the expertise and resources of these city residents and organizations through advocacy and educational projects. In addition, it strengthens, personally and professionally, the network of people addressing the severity, morbidity, and mortality of asthma. Davida Andelman from the Bowdoin Street Health Center will present on the work of BUAC as a model for working within urban communities.

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

McCormack Ryan Lounge; Floor: 3

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Lecture

Environment

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Ecology and Society, 1: Why the Environmental Movement Should Be Anti-Capitalist

Presentation by & discussion with Joel Kovel (author of numerous books including *The Enemy of Nature: The End of Capitalism or the End of the World?* (2002); Editor-in-Chief of *Capitalism Nature Socialism*; former Green Party candidate for U.S. Senate; professor of social studies at Bard College) Noted author and activist, Kovel will put forward the case for an eco-socialist approach, linking ecological struggles not only with transformation of the economy but also with changes in core human attitudes and behavior--both toward other humans and toward the natural world.

Wheatley 5; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

Environment

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Food and Agriculture

A panel on modern industrial agriculture and alternatives to it. This panel discusses genetic engineering, hemp, organic agriculture and the problems faced by family farmers.

Wheatley 44; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

*Environment
Global Justice*

Contact Information:

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Globalization, Neo-Liberalism and the Struggle for Environmental Justice: Prospects for the Future

In the new global economy, business is leading a political movement for the rollback of environmental laws, worker health and safety, consumer protection, and other state regulatory protections that impinge upon their profits. Termed "neo-liberalism," the effect has been a general increase in the rate of exploitation of both working people and the environment. However, not all peoples bear these social and ecological costs equally. Rather businesses typically adopt strategies that offer the path of least political resistance. In the United States and around the world, it is the least politically powerful and most economically marginalized sectors that are being selectively victimized to the greatest extent by the ecological crisis. As a result, issues of sustainable development and social/environmental justice have surfaced together as in no other period in world history. This panel will explore the challenges and potential solutions for the environmental justice movement as it tries to forge a global movement.

Wheatley Wheatley C [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Environment

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Industrial Hemp and the Environment

Mark Lathrop is the founder/chairman of the New Hampshire Hemp Council (NHHC), a citizen advocacy group dedicated to the reintroduction of industrial hemp to American agriculture. And the owner/proprietor of the Monadnock Hemporium, a hemp retail/educational facility in downtown Keene NH. The workshop will cover hemp as industrial feedstock replacement, sustainable industry and agriculture, and hempseed as a foodsource.

Wheatley 60; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Environment
Science & Technology*

Contact Information:

Genetic Engineering Action Network
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The Environmental and Health Cost of Genetic Engineering

An opportunity to discuss the effects of genetically engineered food on us and our environment. Come learn what the biotech industry does not tell you, what new foods and crops are being developed and what some are doing to promote a more sustainable and just food system.

Wheatley 124; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Other

*Faith
Global Justice*

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Sacred Earth Ceremony

Sacred Earth Ceremony- An Activist's Resource is a lecture/discussion and ceremonial presentation which seeks to promote the Sacred Earth Paradigm as the contextual framework of the global movement for peace, justice and sustainability. The lecture/ discussion will focus on the Sacred Earth Paradigm, e.g., that our survival depends upon our symbiotic relationship with Earth and that our humanity is linked eternally to Earth's mysteries. With this linkage in mind, the value of sacred ceremony as an activist resource will be a topic for discussion followed by ceremony. The ceremonial intention will be to unite the spiritual with the political agenda.

Science Center 65; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Other

Faith

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Socially Engaged Buddhism: Bringing Mindfulness into Action

Exploration of how our time on the meditation cushion is related to going out into the street to engage in participatory democracy in a manner informed by Buddhist practice. Includes walking and sitting meditation and meditation training.

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

McCormack 417; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Fund the Dream
Global Justice
Other Economies are Possible*

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Paying for Injustice: Reparations for Slavery and Colonialism in North America and Worldwide

Co-sponsoring organizations: United for a Fair Economy (Atieno Davis, adavis@faireconomy.org) BankBusters (Matt Borus, matt@bostoncoop.net) Center for Economic Justice (Basav Sen, basav@econjustice.net) This is a two-part event. The first one-and-a-half hour workshop will feature five presenters, who will provide a framework for understanding the concept of reparations, and make the case for reparations in the following five contexts: 1. Reparations to African Americans for slavery and continuing inequality. 2. Reparations to Native Americans for colonization and genocide. 3. Reparations to South Africans for Apartheid. 4. Reparations to Haitians for slavery and colonialism. 5. Reparations to communities (especially indigenous peoples) worldwide who are forcibly displaced for dams, mines, etc. The second one-and-a-half hour workshop will be an open discussion of issues raised by the first workshop, and a brainstorm about next steps, and about how to link the various reparations movements more closely.

McCormack Cafeteria; Floor: 3

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

Funding Our Movement

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Individual Donors Challenging Traditional Giving

This panel consists of individual donors and organizers working on increasing funding by individuals and foundations to social change work. The panel will discuss challenges to direct funding to social change organizations in the traditional philanthropic world.

Wheatley 126; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*GLBT track
Women's Web/Feminist Agenda*

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Beyond the Gender Binary System, including the Transgender community in the social justice movement.

How can we build connections across all communities when the gender binary system oppresses all of us through gender stereotypes and concepts of what women and men are supposed to be? What are the parallels between the transgender movement, the gay/lesbian movement, and the women's movement? How can we build movements for change that include the voices of transgender, genderqueer, and gender variant people in ending oppression? This workshop will look at the issues genderqueer, transgender, and gender variant people face in public restrooms, shelter systems, child custody systems, prison systems, and other legal, social, and cultural issues. How can we truly add the T in organizing work and support the fight for inclusion within the lgb and heterosexual communities fighting for social justice. We will also give background and organizing skills used by Massachusetts Transgender Political Coalition in helping to pass an ordinance 2002 to protect against discrimination on the basis of gender identity and gender expression in Boston. All are welcome to come learn and share.

Wheatley 57; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

GLBT track

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Bi Politics

The bisexual movement is both a part of and apart from the gay and lesbian movement. This workshop shows what makes the bisexual movement different from the overarching queer movement, as well as our overlapping agendas. Participants will learn why there exists a separate bisexual movement, why it is important to have a separate bisexual movement, and how all organizations can help the bisexual movement. An activist since 1990, workshop facilitator Sheeri Kritzer has been on the board of directors for the Bisexual Resource Center since 1999. She is a founding member of the BRC's Inclusivity Project, a safer-sex educator, and a liaison to the National Coalition for Sexual Freedom. Sheeri has served as the Interim Treasurer of BiNet USA.

Wheatley 64; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Global Justice

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Beyond Fear: Autonomous and Indigenous Movements of Argentina

Argentina, once the poster child for IMF neo-liberal policies, has seen an explosive growth of social movements in the past few years. This workshop will examine some of the forces that are turning this country into a laboratory of social change: the unemployed workers movement, neighborhood assemblies, recuperated factories, and corporate resistance struggles among the Guarani and Mapuche peoples. Come and learn how you can get involved! Join us in an action against the Seaboard Corporation in Boston in support of the Ava Guarani people! Speakers are Cha-Cha Conner (Worcester Global Action Network), Lisa Garrigues, award-winning journalist, YES! magazine, Argentina & US.

Wheatley 127; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Global Justice

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Don't Owe, Won't Pay! Breaking the Chains of International Debt

Countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America are paying more in service on old debts than they receive in new loans, aid or investment. Learn how people in countries like Iraq, South Africa, Congo, Argentina and the Philippines are paying the bill for their own oppression and what you can do to change these policies. Come learn about the origins of the debt crisis, the impact of the debt on the most impoverished people of the world, the programs associated with debt relief and restructuring, and the latest in the global work for debt cancellation.

McCormack 608; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Lecture

*Global Justice
Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi*

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International Political Prisoners: The Cuban Five and Lori Berenson

The Cuban Five are political prisoners who were arrested under several false charges of conspiracy by the FBI. Their real crime was that they were committed to bringing to justice anti-Cuba terrorists who have operated out of Florida for decades and have killed hundreds of innocent civilians, both in Cuba and America. Lori Berenson, now in a Peruvian Prison, has a case in the Inter-American Court of Human Rights. The ruling on her case there could and can affect many other political prisoners in Peru and possibly the validity of the Patriot Act as well. Laura Furst, lmfurst@freelori.org and Brendan Maulaskas Dunn, bdunn@oswego.edu

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Wheatley 9; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Lecture

*Global Justice
Economy
Movement Building*

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Is a Socialist World Possible? (Workshop)

Is a socialist world possible? This workshop will make the case for building a socialist alternative to the politics of global capitalism.

Wheatley 56; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Peace
Strategic Non-Violence*

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Organizing Small Self-funded Social Entrepreneurial Projects

The SEAS Program is a system of support services designed to help individuals address the question "What Can I Do?" The workshop includes brainstorming, methods of developing, planning and implementing small self-funded social entrepreneurial projects. Some programs currently in progress that were developed using this method: Marketing of crafts from primitive African Villages, craft store for developing countries at a local community center, Christmas visitor program for institutionalized children, wells in Southern Paskistan...

Outsource This

A new, interactive workshop about jobs, globalization, and how workers can solve the good jobs deficit. We analyze strategies including protectionism, domestic jobs programs, fair globalization, and international solidarity. Developed by Deborah Schwartz, United for a Fair Economy in collaboration with Tim Costello of the North American Alliance for Fair Employment.

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Film Screening

*Global Justice
Economy*

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This is What Free Trade Looks Like

East Coast premiere of new non-profit activist video entitled "This is What Free Trade Looks Like: NAFTA's fraud in Mexico, the failure of the WTO, and the case for Global Revolt". This is one of the first activist films to carefully explain how free trade works. It does so from the perspective of the Mexican experience with 10 years of NAFTA. Mexican activists and scholars authoritatively condemn Free Trade as a solution to poverty. There are sections on farmers, workers, and youth. The film contextualizes the growing international resistance to free trade policies. It was shot in Cancun Mexico on the occasion of the 5th WTO Ministerial. spanish and english copies of the film will be available for sale for about \$15 for educational and community use. Activist Media Project - Los Angeles camera: Brian Jones, Doug Johnson, Jay Finneburgh, Sabin Portillo off-line editing: Brian Jones written & directed by Amory Starr produced by Amory Starr, Sabin Portillo, Brian Jones

Wheatley 31; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Health
Movement Building*

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People Taking the Lead in their own Health Care: Health Promoters in Latin America and Boston

This panel will highlight how people with little formal education and financial resources can take a leadership role in resolving the health challenges facing their community. Whether they live in remote areas where there is no doctor or in the close geographical proximity of sophisticated medical care delivery systems, they can play a key role in making primary care access for all a reality. This panel will include health promoters and trainers. Among them, Dr. Saul Contreras, a native of Guatemala, presently working in Nicaragua, training health promoters and Dr. Steve Miller, a physician from California and one of the founders of Doctors for Global Health who also has first hand experience with training community workers in El Salvador. Promoters from close and afar will be at the center stage, talking about their experience.

Wheatley 4; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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Japanese Hibakusha – Multi-media presentation & Hibakusha Testimonies

This workshop offers a unique opportunity to confront the memories of Hiroshima and Nagasaki within a spirit of compassion and transformation. An exhibition of collage paintings by Jane Smith Bernhardt, biographies and poetry that introduces faces and personal stories of Hiroshima A-bomb survivors will be on display. Also to be presented, a multi-media performance piece including music, slides, and testimonials of Hibakusha. This workshop is part of the AFSC-European Network "A World Working Together For Peace" conference. Workshop leaders will include: Jane Bernhardt, portrait artist and performer; Paul Brotchie, Multi-instrumental Musician and Song Writer; And friends: Greta Bro, Healer and singer/composer Creative transformational work, and Peter Meyer, Intuitive Multi-instrumental Musician

The Killing Zone (50 min) documentary by Channel 4 News, London

Sandra Jordan explores and experiences life in Gaza as she investigates the killing there of American Rachel Corrie (crushed beneath an Israeli military bulldozer), and two Britons: Tom Hurndall (shot in the head while shepherding children away from sniper fire) and James Miller (HBO documentarian shot dead by an Israeli soldier). "If foreigners are dying like this in Gaza," Jordan asks, "what's happening to the people who live there?"

Healey Library Media Presentation Room 4; Floor:

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Panel Discussion

*Localization
Economy
Democracy*

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

*Media
Movement Building*

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

*Media
Localization*

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Movement Building
Economy
Anti-Poverty Track*

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

*Movement Building
Economy
Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi*

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Movement Building

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

*Other Economies are Possible
Economy
Localization*

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Participatory Budgeting: Brazil and New England

How democratic is your town's/city's/county's budget? The Workers Party (PT) with now-president Lula has led Brazil's way to mass participatory democracy. Participatory city budgeting may model the way for North American cities as well. This panel will discuss how local public funds are appropriated and distributed in contemporary USA as well as the 14-year Brazilian experiment. Panelists: Maria Aguiar (Grassroots International; Brazil) Dorothy Kelly Gay (former mayor of Somerville MA) Jane Knodell (Univ of Vermont economist, former chair--Burlington VT city council) Paulo de Marck (Landless Workers Movement [MST], Brazil) Ned Pery (moderator, Concord MA town meeting)

David Barsamian on "Lies, Damned Lies and the Corporate Media"

David Barsamian, the founder and director of "Alternative Radio," will talk about the role the corporate media has played in selling Bush's wars to the US public-- and why the independent left media is a precious resource and voice for resistance in the US today. David Barsamian produces "Alternative Radio," the independent award-winning weekly series based in Boulder, Colorado. He is the author of several books, including The Future of History: Interviews with Howard Zinn and The Common Good: Interviews with Noam Chomsky. The Institute for Alternative Journalism named Barsamian one of its "Top Ten Media Heroes" and he is the winner of the ACLU's 2003 Upton Sinclair Award for independent journalism. His new book, from South End Press, is called The Checkbook and the Cruise Missile: Interviews with Arundhati Roy. For more information, visit these sites: www.alternativeradio.org, www.southendpress.org, www.isreview.org

Media Transformation--Another Media Is Possible

A few global conglomerates of profit-driven corporations own most of what we watch, hear and read in news, education and entertainment. Is this the diversity of sources that James Madison imagined would give us the information needed to participate in a democracy? What strategies will deconcentrate ownership of media? Beyond merely reforming the existing structure of media ownership, what transformations would inspire the majority of Americans to act on their basic belief that something has gone very wrong with the media? How can community involvement make an impact? Can mass-scale organizing in partnership with other movements leverage the crucial changes that will inform larger audiences about the issues? Is it enough to coordinate FCC localism hearings, support low-power radio, or plan future frequency set-asides for the public sector or the coming digital broadcasts? Presenters include: Josh Silver, Free Press; Fred Johnson, Community Media & Technology at CPCS, UMass-Boston.

Fighting for a Legislative Agenda that serves Low Income People: A Model

These 2 coalitions have been around since 1994 and have established a model that has been very successful in involving low income people in fighting for a legislative agenda and candidates that will serve their interests instead of the interests of the wealthy and big business. This workshop will explain our model that prioritizes one-on-one contacts in all the various levels of outreach and building relationships. Based on an active base that can be mobilized at important and critical times, these groups have scored many gains, both legislatively and in important state and congressional races. Using this model, these coalitions, and their sister organization, Neighbor to Neighbor, have been able to establish a state-wide presence.

Movement Building and the RNC: Raising the Voices of Low-income Communities through the Still We Rise Coalition

While major mobilizations shape up in preparation for the RNC, low-income communities directly affected by the administration's policies find their place in the Still We Rise Coalition. This workshop will discuss the process of building power to grassroots organizations, who organize day-to-day on issues of HIV/AIDS, Healthcare, Housing & Homelessness, Immigration, Criminal Justice System & Civil Liberties, and Welfare. The Workshop will raise questions such as how can issue based, community based organizations engage in movement building while continuing to be effective in their work; and how should we be taking advantage of large political and media opportunities to tighten organizational relationships and build power. Come share your experiences in organizing and building for the DNC.

The Role of White People in Ending Racism

White people have a large role to play in the ending of racism. White people can play an important role as supportive allies to people targeted by racism, can take initiative in changing their own behavior and that of other whites, and can work to end institutional racism. To do these things effectively, white people need to recover from being conditioned by society to be agents of racist oppression. Every white person can recover from this training and it is in their own interests to do so. This workshop will focus on how white people are conditioned into the role of agents of racist oppression, and how whites can free themselves from this conditioning. In a safe and respectful environment, participants will be introduced to using "equal-time" listening, as practiced in Re-evaluation Counseling, to help heal from the corrupting effects of being exposed to racism and participating in it.

Cooperative Capital: Innovative Models for Reclaiming Our Economic Power

Alternative economies sound great, but where's the money going to come from!? One of the biggest faults of capitalism is that it concentrates control over capital into too few hands. Too few people own most of the economy's productive assets and use them to create profits for themselves, rather than for the good of the community. Cooperative and community-based economic initiatives always struggle, in this context, to find adequate resources for survival and success. Come hear about three exciting and innovative models for taking back control of capital and creating successful, democratic and cooperative enterprises in our communities. Speakers--Catherine Austin Fitts (Solari Inc.); Michael Garjian (E2M Project); Ethan Mitchell (Vermont Mutual Aid Fund)

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Science Center 62; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Economy

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Meet the Cooperatives!

What exactly does it mean to be a cooperative business? Is it different than a collective? What different kinds of cooperatives exist, and in what industries? What is it like trying to do business on a cooperative basis in the context of a capitalist economy? Do cooperatives challenge capitalism, or do they actually make capitalism work better? Hear the stories of people who work day-to-day in worker-owned and consumer-owned cooperatives. Presenters-- Eric Johnson, Red Sun Press (worker-owned); Kathy Addelson, Leaveritt Co-op (consumer-owned); Sue Bob, Community Builders Cooperative (worker-owned); Bonnie Smith-Williams, H.O.M.E. Co-op, Orland, ME (cooperative community)

McCormack 428; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Economy Global Justice

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Not Business As Usual - Practicing Fair Trade Alternatives

The term "trade" once referred to a relationship of give-and-take. In the era of free-market capitalism, trade has resulted in something that looks more like "take-and-take" (and take and take...). We live in an ever shrinking world with respect to the products we exchange, but the problem is this: some are winning in the deal and others are losing. This panel will address viable global trade alternatives that support equitable gain for all. Moderator-- Chris Mackin, Ownership Associates; Speakers-- Virginia Berman (Equal Exchange); Bjorn Claeson (PICA/Sweat Free Communities); Randy Eldridge (HOME co-op and Rural Coalition); Laura Millay (ENGAGE, Jasmine Rice Project)

Wheatley 198; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Science & Technology

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Technology for Community Organizations

How can community-based organizations with limited resources use the vast amount of technology that's available to them without a huge investment of time and money? For some organizations, technology is more of an obstacle than a resource. Yet, social change groups need to be able to interact with and meet the needs of members, funders, and constituents in an organized fashion to be effective. Fortunately, activist groups and progressive technology organizations have developed low-cost and free technology tools, along with strategies for grassroots organizations to use these tools effectively. Speakers-- Lynn Benander (Cooperative Development Institute); Rich Cowan (Organizers' Collaborative); Lucia Colombaro (Deximer, Inc.)

McCormack 433; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Seminar

Peace

Science & Technology

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Part I: Assessing Radiation Risks/Arousing Public Response and Responsibility

Dr. Chris Busby debunks military and corporate myths that uranium and other contaminants are harmless. Learn how to prompt media attention and public response through community health surveys. Busby uses colorful and unforgettable language to describe his compelling "Second Event Theory." Busby presented at the world Uranium Weapons Conference in Hamburg, has worked with the European Committee on Radiation Risk, UK Ministry of Defense Oversight committee and the UK government committee Examining Radiation Risks from Internal Emitters.

Wheatley 19; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Peace

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U.N. Peacekeeping Challenges Today

The resolution of conflicts has changed since the formation of the United Nations in 1945. Disputes are more likely to be internal among different ethnic groups and chronic, requiring a myriad of political, economic, and humanitarian efforts. In this workshop we will look at the factors which can make a successful peacekeeping operation and at some of the new forms of peacekeeping offered by non-governmental organizations. Presenter: Nancy Wrenn, cochair, Coalition for a Strong United Nations (617-969-2758) ncwrenn@aol.com

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Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Peace

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World Citizenship - The Most Critical Challenge of Our Time

Most people are probably not aware that education as it is presently conducted in every country is overwhelmingly about one's own group, virtually ignoring the outside world and attitudes, values and beliefs of other peoples. Thus all children tend to build a strong sense of identity with their tribal, regional, national or religious culture -- separate from the rest of humanity. This creates an "us and them" mentality, potentially excluding other cultural groups from membership in the human race, often demonizing the "other." The clash of cultures creates war and genocide, while ethnic segregation in the U.S. threatens a "thoroughly balkanized society" within 50 years. Multicultural education is not enough. What is needed is a new type of "peace education" that can transform the worldview of every child on the planet, raising the consciousness to recognize the fundamental oneness of humanity. We will explore the scientific basis for such an effort. presenter: Greg Kagira-Watson, M.S.Ed., Ed.M.

Wheatley 20; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Science & Technology Climate Change Environment

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Energy and the Environment - Socio-economic Cost

In this lecture cum workshop, the participants will explore the linkage between energy consumption and the environment, using various hands-on tools. A brief survey of the current sources of energy, their environmental impacts, and socio-economic implication of disparity of energy consumption in societies will be explored. Further, a brief overview of renewable eco-friendly energy sources will be presented, and issues and obstacles in their commercialization will be highlighted. Participants are encouraged to bring a pencil, scratch paper, and a simple calculator. They would be able to see what they can do to make a difference.

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Wheatley 47; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)
Workshop

Strategic Non-Violence Culture

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Code Pink Action Camp

Action Camp emphasizing local and national progressive organizing, with several components. Modeled on Code Pink Action Camp summer 2003, with elements of electoral organizing added.

Wheatley 55; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Strategic Non-Violence Peace Global Justice

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U.S. Government Military Funding and Policy

This workshop will target the U.S. government's ongoing priority of funding the military over human needs, effecting people in the U.S. and the world. Keeping a massive military since WWII has allowed the U.S. to use war and military intervention as its means to deal with conflict. Presenters will discuss budget issues and personal stories that lead them to refuse to pay for war, whether by filing and refusing to pay income taxes, by living below a taxable income, lowering their taxable income, or making a token resistance.

McCormack 420; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Strategic Non-Violence Peace Culture

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What Do You Say When You Don't Agree - How to Have Influence Instead of Argument

A skill-based workshop with demonstration of how to turn an argument into an open exploration of differences. Participants will learn and practice how to stand their ground and create understanding using communication skills. In the end, respect, curiosity and understanding have more influence than facts and ideas.

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Strategic Non-Violence Women's Liberation

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Women's Activist Training: Campaign Strategy and Community Organizing.

Join CODEPINK: Women for Peace for a hands-on training session on campaign strategy and community organizing. Learn how to develop campaign goals, choose appropriate tactics, and develop alliances to help you win your local struggles for peace and justice. Then discuss how to reach beyond the choir to get involvement from a wide diversity of organizations and individuals. Co-trainers Medea Benjamin, Lora O'Connor and Andrea Buffa have experience doing campaigns on such issues as sweatshop labor, media reform, and the Iraq war. They also have political campaign experience. Medea is the co-founder of CODEPINK: Women for Peace and the human rights organization Global Exchange. Lora worked on Arianna Huffington's campaign for governor of California and Dennis Kucinich's campaign for president. Andrea is the peace campaign coordinator of Global Exchange and former executive director of Media Alliance.

Wheatley 63; Floor: 1

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Panel Discussion

Student & Youth

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Books Not Bombs: Building the U.S. Student and Youth Movement

Connecting the issues of the war abroad and the war at home, the National Youth & Student Peace Coalition (comprised of over a dozen national progressive youth and student organizations) has come together to promote the "Books Not Bombs" Agenda: * Money for Education - Not Empire * Military Out of Our Schools - End the Perty Draft * Respect Our Civil Liberties * Campuses for Peace - Not War * Schools - Not Jails * This panel discussion, featuring leaders from NYSPC member organizations, will discuss strategies for building the U.S. youth and student movement and the upcoming mobilizations in New York City against the Republican National Convention, including the August 28th "Books Not Bombs Youth Convergence".

Wheatley 123; Floor: 2

Events II (Friday 3:00-4:30)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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What About the Boys?

From birth, boys are subjected to very narrow and oppressive social definitions of how they should act, and appear, if they wish to be regarded as acceptable males. These expectations are pervasive yet invisible, like the air that we breathe, and tend to be seen as "just the way males are". While the content of society's role expectations for men and for women are obviously quite different, their operation and the extent of their damage is parallel. This workshop focuses on the damaging effects of society's male gender role expectatons on the lives of boys and men.

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Science Center Small Science 1-006; Floor: 1

3:30pm - 4:30pm

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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From Interview to Performance: Body and Sold

A window into the world of sex trafficking and teen prostitution in the U.S. and India, Body & Sold is an original play by Deborah Lake Fortson based on interviews with prostituted youth. Body & Sold uses the words of actual women, girls and boys who were interviewed in Bombay, Calcutta, Minneapolis, Boston, and Connecticut. In this workshop and discussion, members of the cast of Body and Sold will enact and otherwise describe the intellectual, physical, and emotional challenges (and responsibilities) of giving testimony to the experiences of other people.

4:00pm - 6:00pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

4:00pm - 6:00pm
Other

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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Reception for Women Peacebuilders

Greetings and remarks by: Granny "D" is a formidable elder and a tireless worker for peace and justice, as well as an inspiring speaker. In 200, at the age of 90, she walked across the United States for Campaign Reform. This year she retraces her footsteps, registering voters that have not yet been reached, among them prostitutes and single women - two of the largest populations of unregistered voters. She is also running as a candidate for the U.S. Senate. Diane Dujon is a former welfare recipient and has been in the front lines of the welfare struggle for more than 20 years. Currently, she works as an educator at UMB's College of Public and Community Service. She is an active participant in Working Massachusetts, a coalition of labor groups, the faith community, academics, community organizations, welfare rights and low income groups "fighting for the rights of all workers." Afaf Stevens is an Iraqi woman, born and raised in Baghdad. She holds a Master of Religion degree from Harvard University and has begun a program called "Bridging East and West: A Peace Initiative," to increase mutual understanding at the deepest levels.

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Wheatley 41; Floor: 1

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Anti-Poverty Track
Global Justice
Movement Building*

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Anti-Poverty Track
Economy*

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Poverty in the USA: What it is and what we can do about it

Poverty: A workshop that gives participants a taste of how poverty affects real people's lives and why we need to build a movement to end poverty here in the USA. This workshop will include a wide range of poverty issues including the worst of this last two year's policy changes. We will role-play out how these laws effect people's lives today and trap families in poverty that get worse and worse. Come join us in getting angry at what is wrong and figure out what we can do about it together. Led by Lisa Richards (Economic Human Rights Project, Sisters Together Ending Poverty) and other long term low-income anti-poverty activists

The Right to Housing

Housing is a human right recognized among other places in Article 25 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and Article 11 of the International Covenant on Social, Cultural and Economic Rights. Yet, while 3.5 million people experience homelessness each year, the United States government continues to resist recognizing this right or provide the resources most fundamental to the resolution of homelessness. This session explores current vehicles- political, social and legal- available to expand the availability of affordable housing and secure housing rights.

McCormack 417; Floor: 1

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Film Screening

BSF Film Series

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Life and Debt

Utilizing excerpts from the award-winning non-fiction text "A Small Place" by Jamaica Kincaid, Life & Debt is a woven tapestry of sequences focusing on the stories of individual Jamaicans whose strategies for survival and parameters of day-to-day existence are determined by the U.S. and other foreign economic agendas. By combining traditional documentary telling with a stylized narrative framework, the complexity of international lending, structural adjustment policies and free trade will be understood in the context of the day-to-day realities of the people whose lives they impact. Followed by a discussion.

Persons of Interest; In My Fathers Church

(2004), 63 minutes, Official Selection 2004 Sundance Film Festival. Co-directed by Alison Maclean and Tobias Perse and produced by Lawrence Konner. After the 9-11 terrorist attacks, Muslim immigrants were subject to arbitrary arrest, secret detention, and solitary confinement by the U.S. Department of Justice. Through interviews, family photographs, and letters from prison, Director Alison Maclean (Jesus's Son) has fashioned a compelling and poignant film, allowing the victims to tell their own stories. The unconventional documentary consists of a series of encounters between detainees and Maclean in an empty room that functions at once as an interview room/home/prison cell. Title: In My Father's Church Charissa King-O'Brien, 2004, 56 minutes Charissa is a lesbian who wants a church wedding, but it doesn't seem to help that her father is pastor of the town's United Methodist Church, and her bride-to-be's family still refer to her as "Kelly's really good friend." Charissa and Kelly are definitely out of the closet, but they're also out of luck in their quest to have the church sanction their wedding ceremony with an officiating minister. Yet, when Charissa's father surprisingly takes a stand in support of an anti-bias task-force initiative, additional twists in faith and devotion make for both a tear-jerker and a truly inspiring celebration of matrimonial bonds.

Wheatley 126; Floor: 2

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Film Screening

*BSF Film Series
Global Justice
Peace*

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What I've Learned About US Foreign Policy: The War Against the Third World

CIA Covert Operations and U.S. Military Interventions Since WWII What You Didn't Learn in School and Don't Hear on the Mainstream Media, a 2-hour video compilation by Frank Dorrel This video reveals a shocking history of U.S. foreign policy that has been responsible for the deaths, poverty and oppression of millions of people who live in Third World countries. Use it as an educational tool in order to help others to begin to understand these very frightening and horrifying truths, which have been kept secret and hidden from them by the U.S. mainstream corporate media. Featuring the following 10 segments: 1. Martin Luther 2. John Stockwell 3. Bill Moyers' "The Secret Government" 4. "COVERUP: Behind the Iran-Contra Affair". 5. "School of Assassins" 6. "Genocide by Sanctions" 7. Amy Goodman 8. "The Panama Deception" 9. Ramsey Clark 10. S. Brian Willson

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Science Center 66; Floor: 2

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Challenging Corporate Power
Economy*

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Climate Change
Environment
Global Justice*

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Reprssi

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Panel Discussion

Criminal Justice/Domestic Reprssi

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Seminar

Criminal Justice/Domestic Reprssi

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Culture
Democracy
Economy*

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

Democracy

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Investment Activism: Investing for Social Causes and a Green Planet

You believe in certain causes or have serious concerns: the environment, social issues, animal rights, arts education, but do you spend and invest your money with these issues in mind? Investment Activism is one way of being involved in creating the future. Our lives are busy and we may not always have time to be as active as we would like. Your money can speak for you. Even with a small amount of investment in companies that share your concerns, you become ACTIVE. This is not a donation. You become actively involved in the investment world, showing your support while getting an investment return. This workshop will explore how you can get involved in socially responsible investing.

Genetically Engineered Trees & Global Warming: A Recipe for Disaster

Under US pressure, in December 2003 the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change decided that genetically engineered (GE) trees could be used in plantations developed in the Global South to offset carbon emissions in the Global North. These GE tree plantations will severely impact indigenous communities throughout the Global South, while causing forest health crises that exacerbate global warming rather than help alleviate it. This workshop will discuss these problems and will look at the international campaign that has been launched against the UN to demand that they reverse the December, 2003 agreement and take a stand opposing GE trees.

Racial Disparities: Into the Funnel of Injustice

The US imprisons more people than any other nation; well over half of these individuals are people of color. This workshop will use the criminal justice system as a lens to contextualize racial disparities in US. A failed education system, lack of affordable housing, toxic air in urban communities, no health care: how did the war on poverty become a war on poor people? The combination of racism and corporate greed equals the US criminal injustice system. America's solution: lock them up....What's yours?

The War on Drugs -- Part I

Part I of a two-part panel, with Clifford Thornton, Whitney Taylor, and Jack Cole. Unequal treatment based on race, class, economic status and choice of drug is supported by three phenomena. 1) Greed: Drug markets are "Black Markets" which create violent trade practices, dishonest law-enforcement and support of politicians that want to keep the status-quo. 2) Racism: Drug control practices are overtly racist, supported by the over-representation of people of color in U.S. prisons. 3) Fear: Intellectual dishonesty in medicine leads to under-treated pain, criminalization of certain medicinal drugs, lack of innovation in addiction therapy and continued criminal justice focus of illicit drug policy. Based on these three tenants this session will show how the War on Drugs Negatively Effects: Youth, People of Color, Women, the Seriously Ill, Drug Addicts and U.S. International Relations. A Second Plenary Session will explore solutions for these effected populations from treatment expansion to legalization to working with state legislatures to protesting current state policies.

U.S. Patriot Act

Panel discussion on the U.S. Patriot Act, its implications, its problems, and possible ways it can be halted.

Imagining a Creative America - Creating Imaginative Candidates

This presentation will combine elements of performance, audience participation and political training. The event will start with a brief presentation about creativity in the life of the nation, and how regions around the country are launching new civic and economic development efforts based on creativity. The event will ask participants to perform, speak or draw vision statements that would complete this pronouncement: "In order for America to be a nation where every person could be as creative as she could be, and to contribute and invent to her fullest, we need...." These statements will be captured real-time by visual facilitators on paper that lines the venue - creating a mural-like document of the shared visions. We will also offer a compressed seminar on how to run for office as a creative professional. This activity is non-partisan - we are not endorsing any party or candidate - but urging artists and creative professionals to exercise their political imaginations and to seriously consider running for public office in 2006.

Defeat Bush, Swing State Strategies

Bush's policies are dangerous, and the world will suffer enormously if he is not defeated. The 2004 election will be decided in 17 swing states. Thus, to defeat Bush, those of us living in non-swing states (e.g., Massachusetts) must find ways to have an impact in nearby swing states. Important actions will include voter registration, voter education and get-out-the-vote efforts. We will discuss how to visit a swing state and work to defeat Bush. We will talk about America Coming Together (ACT) the largest progressive group doing this, as well as other progressive groups (Project Vote and the NAACP National Voter Fund). We will discuss being an "Armchair Swing State Activist," which includes contacting unregistered voters by phone and by mail, via groups such as ACT, Mainstream Moms Oppose Bush, and ReDefeatBush. Finally, we will discuss fundraising for progressive groups working to defeat Bush in swing states. Presenter: Ed Loechler, biology professor, Brookline PeaceWorks

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Workshop

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Workshop
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*Environment
Health*

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**Dying to Vote: Unleashing the Legacy of Voter
Registration Struggles**
Are you "dying to vote" when Election Day comes? Do you believe it is part of your heritage to vote? Do you believe your vote makes a difference? Did you or your parents or your grandparents work to change restrictive laws which kept women, minorities and young adults from voting? Did you know some people died or were willing to risk their lives to make these changes come about? Are you aware that people are still dying or treated unjustly because their voices are not represented? And that others are working hard to get out the vote to improve their lives? This workshop will screen a portion of the documentary-in-progress "Dying to Vote" as a launching point to discuss these issues. It will also brainstorm ways of reaching the next generation of voters and those disillusioned with the vote using media and grassroots campaigns.

Public Financing: The need, status and benefits.
Alexandra Russel of Mass Voters For Clean Elections with Mikah Sefrey from Public Campaign of Washington D.C. and Billy Jean Young, a representative from the Fanny Lou Hammer Project will provide historical perspective on the movement for public financing in Massachusetts and a comparison with other states and their level of public funding. In addition it will present an interactive overview of the problem of big money in politics/our broken democracy and how we see publicly financed debates as one of the most effective solutions. After this overview it will show a short video (10 minutes) that outlines the success stories of Maine and Arizona, two states that have candidates running locally and statewide with public funds. The last section of the workshop will be questions, comments and discussion.

**Making Global Development Work: The
Commission For Africa**
We go to war to knock out despotic regimes, and then help the devastated populace recover with financial aid. Why can't the world community increase its assistance to poor nations in the first place, encouraging grassroots development and democracy to flourish, so that local poverty does not breed corruption and dictatorship and we find it necessary to go to war? With most of the world now in recession, doesn't it make sense to help people in developing nations become more prosperous, so that they can be better consumers of the world's products? Dr. Quilligan has been an analyst and administrator in the field of international development since 1975. He has served as policy advisor and writer for many international politicians and leaders. Dr. Quilligan served as a writer, analyst, and press agent for the Brandt Commission, traveled to the Commission's international meetings and worked closely with the commissioners.

Adult Education For Social Change
This workshop brings together adult education programs that promote education as a tool for transformation: WE LEARN (Women Expanding - Literacy Education Action Resource Network); and, WICD Women (Women in Community Development), a partnership between the College of Public and Community Service, the Women's Institute for Housing and Economic Development, & Project Hope. WE LEARN focuses on how feminist popular education approaches can transform women's lives. The WICD Women program focuses on higher education as a path out of poverty. Organizers/Speakers: Lorna Rivera, CPCS Faculty, Sociology and Community Planning and Co-chair, Board of Directors, WE LEARN; Elaine Ward, CPCS, Office of Student Services; WICD students, including Latasha Gorman, Geraldine White.

**Advocating for Universal Access to Quality Early
Childhood Education**
The goal of this workshop is to strengthen and build coalitions across diverse communities and early childhood sectors to create a better world for all children. Panelists will be drawn from a diverse pool of early care and education professionals that represent advocacy groups, early childhood programs, resource and referral agencies and higher institutions. Panelists will provide diverse perspectives on the status, purpose, issues, and barriers to building cross-cultural coalitions for universal access to quality early education and care. They will also discuss current legislative initiatives and present specific future possibilities/actions for change. Panelists will invite audience participation throughout the discussion. Organizers: Hanna Gebretensae, Boston Chinatown Neighborhood Center (BCNC)—Acorn Center for Early Education and Care; Marta Rosa, Executive Director for Child Care Resource Center (CCRC). Both are members of CCRC's Multilingual Action Council (MAC), a council/coalition of early childhood professionals from 12 linguistic communities.

Environmental Racism, Environmental Justice
DONNA PERRY, a nurse-practitioner at MGH will give excellent power-point presentation with primary emphasis on "asthma", showing how waste & contaminant sites in Boston area are heavily located in communities of low income & minorities and those without English as a Second Language and of legislation to counteract that circumstance. The presentation will be supplemented by presentation by GAYLAN NELSON of MONEY & POLITICS, a project of Commonwealth Coalition.

**The Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow - Advocating
the Precautionary Principle**
Scientific evidence increasingly indicates that toxic chemicals are contributing to an epidemic of chronic disease and disorders, including cancers, learning and developmental disabilities, Parkinson's disease and many others. Toxic chemicals have become widespread in our air, water, food, schools, workplaces, everyday products and ultimately our bodies. The Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow is a coalition of citizens, scientists, health professionals, workers, and educators seeking preventive action on toxic hazards. Our goal is to correct fundamental flaws in government policies that allow harm to our health and environment. Tiffany Skogstrom, Healthcare without Harm and Susan Whalen, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition will present on the work of the Coalition and facilitate a discussion on the Precautionary Principle within public policy.

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Workshop
Faith

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Workshop
*Faith
Global Justice*

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Workshop
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Workshop
GLBT track

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Workshop
*Global Justice
Politics
Peace*

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Workshop
Global Justice

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Workshop
*Global Justice
Economy
Peace*

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Integrating Contemplation and Action
An interactive workshop involving a diverse panel of Peace and Justice Leaders and utilizing several forms of spiritual practice, this event will identify effective spiritual practices for pluralistic organizations, provide opportunities for participants to experience the benefits of inner work for their outer work and inspire participants to deepen or broaden their spiritual practices to ground their activism.

Putting Faith in Practice: Jubilee Congregations
Learn how to take the work for global economic justice and debt cancellation to your congregation. This workshop will describe the simple and profound Jubilee Congregations program and will provide tools and training to help you engage your congregation in effective learning and action. One of the issues addressed will be how to link the local priorities of your congregation to international issues of globalization.

**An Anti-Racist Critique of Philanthropy and
Charity**
This workshop will critique the system of philanthropy in the United States through an anti-racist lens, with particular attention to the history of the 501c3 and its role in stifling dissent.

Lessons Learned in the Marriage Movement
Believe it or not, just 7 years ago the GLBT community thought that Civil Unions or domestic partnership benefits were the best legal recognition that we could get. The idea that same-sex couples would have full equal marriage rights was laughable and the majority quashed the notion that a grassroots effort combined with strategic legal action would make the difference. Today, we live in a state that recognizes the equal marriage rights for same-sex couple. How did we get from little buy in from our community to creating a critical mass of support? The Freedom to Marry Coalition is one of the largest grassroots organizations in Massachusetts that lead efforts to organize communities through education, lobbying, and internet and media advocacy to gain marriage rights for same-sex couples. Participate in this workshop to learn strategies and tactics to move people to contact their legislators, participate in lobby day, coordinate media responses to anti-gay articles and lead initiatives in their community.

Genocide in Darfur, Sudan
The much-acclaimed Peace Accords between the Islamic Fundamentalist government of the Sudan and the Sudanese People's Liberation front has totally overshadowed a genocide of massive proportions taking place the the predominantly Muslim state of Darfur in the southwest of Sudan. Two immigrants from the predominate tribe living in Darfur who are members of the Fur tribe, Ise Dahia and Adam Ahmad, will present their case for help and support to the people of Darfur, many of whom are now living in refugee camps in Chad and face starvation when the rainy season starts soon. They will bring written material on what we can do to help and who we can contact to mobilize support. They will answer questions after their presentation.

**Impact of the Current Situation in Palestine on
Local Workers and their Families**
Hasan Barghouthi of the Democracy and Workers' Rights Center (Palestine) will present on the impact of the current situation in Palestine on Palestinian workers and their families, someone from Grassroots International will speak about our efforts to build support for Palestinian organizations in the United States.

**The Domestic Costs of Corporate Globalization
(Workshop)**
Speakers: Angela Davis -- "Corporate Globalization and the Prison Industrial Complex" William Tabb -- "Corporate Globalization and the Domestic Economy" William Hartung -- "Corporate Globalization and the US Garrison State" Manning Marable: -- "Strategies for Resistance: International Solidarity" Angela Davis is a noted activist and scholar. She teaches philosophy and women's studies at the University of California, Santa Cruz. She is primarily engaged in the prisoners' rights movement. ---William Tabb teaches at Queens College. He has written widely on economic issues and is a leading specialist on employment---William Hartung teaches at New School University and is a specialist on arms proliferation and militarization for the World PolicyInstitute. --Manning Marable is a scholar-activist who teaches politics and history at Columbia University. He has written many books and articles on black history, racism, global issues, etc. The panel will be chaired by national chairpersons of CCDS (Charlene Mitchell and/or Mark Solomon).

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Peace
Challenging Corporate Power*

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War and Globalization: Exploring the links between guns and money

In many countries, the anti-war movement and the global justice movement are closely linked, even the same. But in the US, they often operate separately. This interactive workshop will explore the links between corporate globalization and war, focusing on a few particular countries. We'll also explore creative organizing strategies on both issues. Join us!

Wheatley 198; Floor: 2

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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What to Do About the Globalization of Agriculture

Massive food companies, aided by a handful of governments, are obtaining a strangle-hold on our food supply. This workshop will encompass the environmental, social and health impacts of the globalization of agriculture. The global monopoly of food, expanded and codified through trade agreements, negatively impacts consumers and farmers alike. We will have speakers from the various angles of the issue give a broad background, and open up for questions, answers and discussion.

Wheatley 9; Floor: 1

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Panel Discussion

*Health
Global Justice*

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Globalization, Pharmaceutical Apartheid, and the African AIDS Pandemic

The panel will discuss the African AIDS pandemic, tracing its roots in the slave trade, colonialism, and now neo-liberalism. While analyzing structural adjustment policies imposed by the World Bank and IMF, the panel will also explore the role of destabilized rural economies and migrant labor in exacerbating vulnerability to HIV infection, especially in women. The panel will address the pandemic on a very local scale, addressing its impact on communities and children. Out of 27 million Africans living with HIV, 4.4 million need immediate access to ARVs but only 100,000 are currently on treatment. This system of pharmaceutical apartheid results from the greed of Western drug companies, the complicity of U.S. trade negotiators, and the resulting intellectual property rules designed to protect Big Pharma's profits. We will explore campaigns aimed at increasing global funding, dismantling disastrous trade/IP policies, and increasing health care capacity and economic opportunities in Africa.

McCormack 608; Floor: 1

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Health
Global Justice
Faith*

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Liberation Medicine and Liberation Social Movements: their role in the context of to-day's reality.

New World Order, Complex World Oppression. What is the role of a Liberation Social Movement in the context of today's reality? Activists and representatives from Liberation Psychology, Liberation Education, Liberation Medicine, Liberation Theology and other Liberation Movements will discuss the current challenges. "In our case more than anyone else's, the principle holds that the concern of the social scientist should not be so much to explain the world as to change it" Ignacio Martin-Baro. In "Writings for a Liberation Psychology". Participants will discuss topics ranging from Friere's empowerment theory as it applies to Mental Health (Dawn Martinez), the praxis of liberation theology as exemplified by Base Communities in Latin America and Liberation Medicine, "the conscious, conscientious use of health to promote human dignity and social justice" (Lanny Smith, Doctors for Global Health). The focus of the discussion will be on what to do now and responses such as the People's Health Movement

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Panel Discussion

*Health
Peace*

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The health consequences of war: people's response to the challenge

International law guarantees civilian populations the right to medical attention during times of conflict. This right is frequently violated, especially in poor countries with a marginal health infrastructure. In some cases, health services may be targeted by armed forces attempting to weaken the civilian base of an opposition political movement. This panel will explore the circumstances of several such conflicts and what may be learned about the nature of the struggle and the efforts to overcome such challenges to public health. Panelists will present examples of popular movements for health under conditions of armed conflict in regions with which they have experience (Iraq, Palestine, Haiti, El Salvador). Audience participation is welcomed. The panel will be facilitated by Alan Meyers, MD, MPH, a staff pediatrician at Boston Medical Center and an organizer of the Jewish American Medical Project.

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

*Health
Immigration*

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White Privilege = Health Privilege

Facilitators: Paul Marcus and Carol Rinehart, Co-Directors of Community Change, Inc.,. People are living longer these days! But some groups get to live longer and healthier lives than others in our society. There has been only a 3% reduction in the gap between African Americans and Whites since 1970. At that rate, it will be 2071 before a Black and a White baby born on the same day can expect equivalent life expectancy. After viewing segments of documentary film "The Angry Heart" as it follows the experience of Bostonian Keith Hartgrove, an African American man with heart disease, participants will have an opportunity to count the costs of health disparities, even to the (apparently) privileged. We will map the systemic strands that interweave to create a binding network of neglect and mistreatment of people of color, and identify actions that conscious Whites can take to help generate a fairer system.

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Panel Discussion

International Peace Conference - A

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U.S. Hegemony & Pre-Emptive War Panel/Conference

This conference is part of the "A World Working Together for Peace" track organized by the American Friends Service Committee, the European Network for Peace and Human Rights, and others. In addition to workshops, a panel of leading international peace and justice figures will explore the dynamics and consequences of U.S. hegemony, analyzing both its historical background and contemporary "full spectrum dominance" practice. Speakers include: Rachel Amran (Israel) - Hasan Barghouthi (Palestine) - Amal Basha (Yemen) - Phyllis Bennis (U.S.) - Dr. Zia Mian (Pakistan) - Tony Simpson (Britain) - Juan Antonio Blanco (Cuba) - Gyung-Lang Jung (Korea)

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McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Film Screening

*Israel-Palestine Conference
Media*

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Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

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Film Screening

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BSF Film Festival
Peace*

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Culture*

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Workshop

Movement Building

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Peace Propoganda and the Promised Land, Film and Discussion

A film by Bathseba Ratzkoff and Sut Jhally, Media Education Forum. This exceptional documentary takes an in depth and methodical look at news reporting on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. By combining American and British TV news clips with observations of leading analysts, journalists and political activists, "Peace, Propoganda and the Promised Land" provides a historical overview, a striking media comparison, and an examination of factors influencing U.S. media coverage and, in turn, American public opinion. The film will be followed by a discussion with Sarah Eltantawi, Communications Director of Muslim Public Affairs Council (MPAC), who will shed light on her experiences as spokespersons for Arabs and Muslim Americans in regards to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

Promises (106 min) documentary by Justine Shapiro, B.Z. Goldberg & Carlos Bolado

Filmmaker B.Z. Goldberg returns to Jerusalem, his hometown, to see what seven children—Palestinian and Israeli—think about war, peace and just growing up. Living within 20 minutes of each other, these children are nevertheless locked in separate worlds. Through candid interviews, the film explores a legacy of distrust and bitterness, but signs of hope emerge when some of the children dare to cross the checkpoints to meet one another.

Sowing Peace, Harvesting justice

Rachel Amram, Israeli peace activist, joins members of Jewish Women for Justice in Israel/Palestine for an engaging conversation about feminist non violent resistance to the Occupation. This workshop will include a video, "Women Resist the Occupation" showing bold and creative protest actions by Israeli women (both Jewish and Palestinian citizens of Israel), sometimes in cooperation with Palestinian women from the Occupied Territories. The video describes the nine key groups, that make up the Coalition of Women for Peace. The film will be followed by a thought provoking discussion detailing the various ways U.S. feminist activists work in collaboration with these groups, and also with mixed US-based groups that support Palestinian rights, an end to the Occupation, and achievement of a just and durable peace. Rachel Amram, Coalition of Women for Peace, Israel
www.coalitionofwomen4peace.org Jewish Women for Justice in Israel/Palestine <http://www.geocities.com/jwjip/>

IndyMedia in Israel/Palestine--our support from afar

This year's crisis in Israel/Palestine made the work of IndyMedia close to impossible, a constant battle with economic and censorship issues. Similar for most organizations. But a new movement arose around the separation wall. How does "the wall" affect IndyMedia and other organizations? What can foreigners do to support this movement? Three videos: "Temporary Inconvenience"--the bullet IDF soldiers shot at Israeli demonstrator Gil Neamati in December 2003 raised the separation wall within Israeli discourse. "Democracy Is Not Built On Demonstrators' Bodies" shows the media frenzy following Gil Neamati's shooting from three angles: material presented at the activists' press conference; the media's response; and an evaluation by the activists of the event. "Rough Cuts Of Rough Demos" shows Palestinians demonstrating daily against the building of the separation wall side by side with Israelis and other internationals facing deadly force by the IDF.

Popular Music Goes to War

Since 9/11, US popular music has shifted from its historical role of rebellion, defiance, opposition, and resistance, toward mourning, healing, patriotism, and nation building. From the attacks of 9/11 to the invasion of Afghanistan to the War in Iraq, following an initial outpouring of benefit concerts, there was a foregrounding of country anthems, which moved, in broad terms, from thoughtful reflection to ambivalence to aggressive fight songs. Protest music was forced underground and eventually found its voice on the Internet. These trends can be traced directly to the passage of the Patriot Act, which stifled dissent, and the Telecom Act of 1996, which encouraged further concentration in the music industry and allowed major corporations like Clear Channel to expand dramatically and play a new conservative activist role for media corporations. In this session we will explore ways to overcome these formidable obstacles as we move toward a more just future.

Beyond Electoral Politics - A Revolutionary Alternative

In July 2004 Boston will host the Democratic National Convention to anoint Massachusetts senator John Kerry as their candidate to run against Republican George W. Bush for US President. While many workers already realize that neither side represents their real interests and "vote with their feet" by staying away from the polls completely, many others are drawn to vote for the supposedly "lesser-evil" Democratic candidate in the mistaken belief that the Democratic Party somehow looks out for working people. Pushing this con has been the historical role of the Democratic Party. Everybody knows the Republicans look out for the rich, but the Democrats are every bit as much a party of the racist, war-mongering bosses. Join us for a discussion about the function of voting in "democratic" capitalist society, the history of protest against Democratic National Conventions, and the revolutionary alternative to electoral politics.

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Workshop

Movement Building

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Bringing the Movement into Electoral Politics

Communities of color and progressives in the Boston area have been on a twenty year and more march on City Hall and into other elected positions of local governmental power. A line runs from the 1980s Mel King mayoral and district representation campaigns, through the Rainbow, on to Turner and Arroyo's recent victories. This workshop will provide an opportunity for activists to discuss how these victories build on and contribute to movement building in Boston. Goals: Assess the sources of political change over the last three Boston city elections. Strategize how electoral campaigns, new citywide coalitions and community based issues-oriented organizing can become a stronger, political force. Evaluate new opportunities for adding to and strengthening of a progressive electoral bloc. Explore what majority power in local government could mean for Boston. Panelists: Mel King, Chuck Turner, Felix Arroyo, Patrick Keaney, Steve Backman, Lydia Lowe, Judy Roderick.

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Workshop

Movement Building

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For Activists of Color: Combating Burn-out and Healing from the Damage Caused by Racism

What are the challenges you face as an activist of color? Do you ever feel isolated, angry, bad about yourself, like giving up? What successes have you had? Join other people of color to share personal triumphs and struggles, and to talk about how racism has affected our lives and our work. We will focus both on the ongoing damage from being targeted by racism, and on the effects of internalizing the hurts and distortions of racism, including self-doubt and self-denigration. Participants will be introduced to using "equal-time" listening, as practiced in Re-evaluation Counseling, which can provide an opportunity to release feelings and emotions that get in the way of doing the work we want to do and leading the lives we want. Sharing our experiences in this way is a powerful tool which combats our isolation as activists, and gives us a chance to recover from the ongoing and residual effects of racist experiences.

Science Center 62; Floor: 2

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Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Science & Technology

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Collaborate to Innovate: The Open Source Development Model

Open source software is any computer program with its source code freely available for anyone to see, modify and redistribute. Open source software and operating systems (like GNU/Linux) have evolved utilizing and encouraging collaborative problem solving. This workshop will teach how to take advantage of the open source model and its offerings. It will focus on: 1. How to use the freedoms inherent to the open source model to increase collaboration; 2. How to get involved in the software development process as users, investors and software developers; 3. How open source is the technology of democratic practice: transparency and direct participation are the backbone of open source development and open standards are the key; 4. How open source eliminates the technological divide between the haves and have nots, locally and globally. 5. How organizing for social change is the future of technology Presenters: Jeremy Stark and Lucia Colombaro

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Economy Environment

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Cooperative Living With Community and Earth: Intentional Communities and Eco-villages

Come for a presentation and discussion on community living. The intentional community movement is centuries old, but in the last few decades thousands of people around the planet have started or moved into intentional community to live in cooperation with others, reduce their ecological impact and share resources. This presentation and discussion will span much of the intentional community movement (ecovillages, cohousing, student housing coops, and more) and their varying styles of cooperative land ownership, economics, and governance.

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Economy Global Justice

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Economics from the Global Grassroots: International Alternatives

Even under the most difficult political and productive circumstances, activists in the Global South have made great strides in creating a wide range of viable economic alternatives. In this workshop, leaders of organizations active in this work share their experiences. Moderator-- Maria Aguiar (Grassroots International); Speakers-- Paulo de Marke (Landless Workers Movement, Brazil); Hasan Barghouthi (Democracy and Workers' Rights Center, Palestine); Atema Eclai, (Program Director, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee); Nicolas Bermudez (Fundacion Gaia Amazonas/COAMA Programme, Colombia)

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Workshop

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From Tax Shifts to Tax Evasions: Fighting Tax Policies that Serve Corporations and the Rich

This workshop will explore issues of tax justice on both the domestic and international fronts. Karen Kraut of United for a Fair Economy will explore five major tax shifts in the last few decades and how they have benefitted wealth holders and corporations at the expense of working people. She will also describe the right wing's covert fiscal agenda and discuss what we can do to reverse course. Lucy Komisar of the Global Tax Justice Network (TJN) will tackle the question: "How do we fight the international offshore bank & shell company system that allows multinationals and the mega-rich to take a walk on taxes?" She will discuss key issues relating to global tax justice, report on TJN activities in other countries, and deal with advancing the network in the U.S.

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Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Immigration Global Justice

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The Real History of Immigration

An interactive workshop discussing the historical and contemporary forces of immigration, that push and pull immigrants away from their home countries, leading to the inequities between the global North and global South. It will explore how racism, colonialism, and militarism have been used as instruments of oppression against communities of color here in the US and countries where people of color predominate.

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Workshop

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Workshop

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Workshop

Peace

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Panel Discussion

Peace

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Seminar

Peace

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

Seminar

Peace

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Up Against the Wall Street Journal on the Living Wage and Sweatshops (I)

This participatory workshop will take on the economic perspectives found in the Wall Street Journal. The domestic focus of this workshop will be on the living wage. We'll examine the letter economist Gregory Mankiw (now head of the Bush Council of Economic Advisors) wrote in response to the Harvard Living Wage campaign. In it he asserted that the living wage would cost low-wage workers their jobs. The international part of the workshop will focus on a recent article from the New York Times Sunday Magazine entitled "Two cheers for Sweatshops." It holds that sweatshops are necessary to lift workers in developing world out of poverty. For an alternative perspective, we will draw on John Miller's article, "Why Economists are Wrong about Sweatshops and the Anti sweatshop Movement." This workshop will be directed by economists and editors from Dollars & Sense Magazine (D&S) and The Center For Popular Economics (CPE).

Wal-Mart Nation. New Jobs in the "New Economy", What Does Work Look Like Today?

As the low wage, no benefit model spreads throughout the economy what do the new jobs in manufacturing, retail, services, and academia really look like. Today nearly 30% of the workforce is employed in part-time, temporary, on-call, day labor, or contract jobs. Most of these jobs pay less, have few benefits, and offer no job security. Millions more are employed jobs that are high turnover, low quality, full-time jobs at firms like Wal-Mart. Come share your worst experience at work, learn about new strategies and tactics, and help figure out what we can do to change things.

Communities Without Borders

This workshop will demonstrate the way in which Boston-area people working through an African grassroots womens organization have helped Zambian children orphaned by AIDS to attend school and receive meals. The Society for Women and AIDS in Zambia (SWAAZ) became known to Dr. Bail when he was serving as a consultant to the United Nations program UNAIDS in 1999 and 2000. presenter: Dr. Richard Bail

Genocide and Land Theft: the Unmentioned Roots of the Middle East Crisis

The process of genocide includes eliminating the perspectives of those facing genocide from the political discourse. Corporate media perpetuates US geopolitical aims, and thus Palestinian voices are all but absent while Palestinians are routinely demonized as a "terrorist" people. Too often progressive movements in the US are complicit in silencing Palestinians for a variety of reasons, one of which is ignorance about the historical roots of the conflict between indigenous Palestinians and Jews immigrating in from Europe and other parts of the region. Come hear Palestinians teach about the history of their people and the nature of the genocidal campaign they face. Also hear from a North American activist who went to Palestine and recognized his own country's genocidal past. Peace can only grow from justice, and justice can only be sought through a clear understanding of the historical roots of the conflict. Speakers: Dr. Samia Halaby, Palestinian Artist born in al Quds (Jerusalem) Author of "Liberation Art of Palestine", H.T.T.B. Publications; Mr. Jawad Husein, Palestinian Human Rights Activist from the West Bank.

No Justice, No Peace: The Need for Counter Military Recruitment Work

How poor job opportunities, strangled educational funding, deliberate misinformation and the targeting of certain communities breed soldiers to fight and die for the US Empire. This program will discuss the misinformation that leads young people to enlist in the military (for example, that they will receive skills training or money for education, that they will serve their country, that they will be part of a team, that they will develop discipline) and where that misinformation comes from (military recruiters, advertising). It will address the ways in which the military targets certain communities - usually poor, often people of color - for recruitment, and the ways military recruitment is plagued by fraud. It will also discuss what counter-recruitment work involves (including issues of demilitarization, economic justice, racial justice, and LGBTQ rights) and why it should be the starting point of any lasting peace movement.

Stonewalk: 9/11 Families Honor Unknown Civilians Killed in War

Who are the real victims of terrorism, war and violence? On September 11th, 2001, many Americans, for the first time, came to understand that civilians as well as soldiers could wind up in the crosshairs. In undertaking its Stonewalk—in which a granite memorial "to the unknown civilians killed in war" will be pulled from Boston to New York-- members of September 11th Families for Peaceful Tomorrows seek to expand the compassion of Americans to include all victims of terrorism, war and violence around the world, while asking all politicians to make this human toll a prime consideration in future US policymaking decisions. At this seminar, they will discuss their personal experiences on 9/11, and why they have chosen to honor their loved ones by recognizing their counterparts around the globe--bearing witness to the fact that 80% of the deaths in war are civilians.

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)
Lecture

*Peace
Strategic Non-Violence
Faith*

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TIKKUN: Healing Israel/Palestine

Rabbi Michael Lerner, co-founder of the Tikkun Community, editor of TIKKUN magazine, and author of many books, including "Healing Israel/Palestine", "Spirit Matters" and "Surplus Powerlessness", will describe how a just peace can be achieved through a framework that is both pro-Israel and pro-Palestine. A solution to this struggle requires abandoning a discourse that portrays one side as "the righteous victim" and blames its counterpart as "the hateful, destructive Other". The first step in the healing process is to begin to tell the narratives of both peoples in ways that validate the truth on both sides, validate the pain and suffering that both sides had to endure and, despite the terrible mistakes and mistreatment that have come from both sides, affirm the fundamental decency of the peoples involved. Both people's best chance for lasting security lies in a new spirit of open-hearted reconciliation, generosity, and a genuine commitment to non-violence.

Wheatley 31; Floor: 1

Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)
Panel Discussion

*Strategic Non-Violence
Democracy
Education*

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Preparing for NonViolent Conflict

How can citizens organize to nonviolently end oppression or armed conflict? Participants will discuss community defense, third-party intervention, and strategic nonviolence for social/political change. Panelists are Donna Howard (Nonviolent Peaceforce) Robert A. Irwin (Movement for a New Society) Stephen Zunes (Peace & Justice Studies, Univ of San Francisco)

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)
Workshop

Student & Youth

Youth & Student Coalition Building

This workshop is geared towards giving youth/student groups the tools and background they need to build effective coalitions with groups that don't match up to their racial make-up.

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)
Panel Discussion

Water

Water for People, Not for Profit!

The opening plenary of the water track will feature spirited presentations from Mary Evelyn Tucker of the Forum on Religion and Ecology, Maureen Taylor of the Michigan Welfare Rights Organization, Ruth Herrera of Nicaragua's Consumer Defense Network, and Barbara Garson, author of Money Makes the World Go Round: One Investor Tracks Her Cash Through the Global Economy, from Brooklyn to Bangkok and Back. Arnie Alpert of AFSC's NH Office will chair the session.

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Events III (Friday 4:30-6:30)
Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

Preparing Testimony: a writing and performance workshop

While experience is the core of testimony, testifying to one's own or another's experience requires something more: a level of comfort with the material, attentiveness to the potential readings and misreadings of one's audience, a clear sense of purpose. In this workshop, Louise Dunlap will guide participants through the process of transforming raw experiential material into a crafted gift to facilitate community reflection, healing and positive action. Louise Dunlap is a practising Buddhist, peacemaker and advocate who teaches "writing for social change" and yoga

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6:30pm - 7:00pm

Other

*Culture
Faith
Women's Web/Feminist Agenda*

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Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light.. A One Woman Show on the Life of Mississippi's Famed Freedom Fighter

Billie Jean Young is a veteran stage actress who brings Fannie Lou Hamer to life in all of Hamer's Mississippi-born, sharecropping, freedom-fighting glory. In her captivating, award-winning one-woman show, "Fannie Lou Hamer: This Little Light..." Young recaptures the breadth and majesty of Hamer's brave journey, from downtrodden field worker to victorious champion of civil and human rights. Audiences come away from the show imbued with new knowledge of the history of the Civil Rights movement.

12:30pm - 1:30pm

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12:30pm - 1:30pm

Workshop

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Seminar

*Climate Change
Science & Technology
Environment*

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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Other

*Culture
Environment
Other*

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Panel Discussion

*Democracy
Global Justice
Strategic Non-Violence*

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Shaking Hands with Your Local Terrorist: Stopping Violence in the Home and Abroad

Through slide show and discussion, Minga Claggett-Borne will illuminate the perniciousness of intimate partner abuse and show how it contributes to the culture of war. Minga Claggett-Borne is a non-violence trainer and licensed family therapist.

What's Holding Us Back 2: A Tribunal on the Effects of Violence, Suffering, and Community in Women's Lives

During this public session of prepared testimony, a Council of Crones (wise women) will bear witness to the manifestations of a culture of violence, operating in organized and disorganized ways and at the interpersonal, international and structural level to constrain women's lives today. The Council's findings and proposed remedies will be shared with BSF participants at Sunday's closing convocation.

What's Holding Us Back: A Tribunal on the Effects of Violence, Suffering and Community in Women's Lives

A private session of testimony and discussion for testifiers, crones and counselors. The second of two sessions of testimony exploring the manifestations of a culture of violence on the lives of women living in Boston and around the world.

Beyond Oil--Averting Global Crisis, Session II: What Is to Be Done?

Alternative Energy and Organizing to Avert Disaster. Speaker: Prof. Jeff Tester, MIT Prof of Chemical Engineering; Lab for Energy and the Environment. 45 minutes. Professor Tester will discuss green and sustainable energy resources already available, and promising new technologies that are being researched now. He will then lead a discussion of what activists can do to raise the urgency of this issue as a policy question, and to demand that federally funded research on alternative energy be given a top priority until our planet is truly 'Beyond Oil' as our primary fuel source. Discussants: Organizing to Prevent Disaster. 75 minutes

How did we get here?

What were the events that led to the incarceration boom? When and why were certain policies introduced? How is the criminal justice system related to other aspects of the society? In this workshop participants will explore how the criminal justice system is inter-linked with the social, economic and political events from 1950 to present day.

The Elm Dance - A Beautiful Song of Liberation, a Simple Circle Dance for Healing & Inspiration

If to dance is to express a prayer or show one's gratitude and joy or let go of sadness and fear. And if this being together in a circle is to feel one's place in the world, then the Elm Dance does just that! It draws on and portrays the energy of the Elm Tree; re-centers the dancer and reconnects us with deep inner strength and trust when we doubt our own capacity to face up to challenges and follow through on the resolve our hearts have made. The Elm Dance is also done in solidarity with the people of Novozyboov, Russia who received the bulk of the fallout from Chernobyl. It was this dance which helped people to begin to heal when Joanna Macy, an eco-philosopher, introduced it to them when she was working there in 1992. It is a simple circle dance from Germany accessible to all who can stand and walk slowly.

Creating People's Law, Globally

Muffling our protests against war, our law-violating government promotes war and destructive trade policies, and flouts international law concerning human rights, safety, and environment. This panel will consider turning the instruments of corporate rule into the rule of people's law. How shall we unite in a legal formulation--locally and globally--of justice and the right to be human? We will discuss law-oriented grassroots mobilizations such as the Western Massachusetts Committee on Corporations & Democracy, the People's Law Program, the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, and the international network of 9/11 First Responders Against War. Presenters: Megan Bartlett (Ground Zero for Peace) Premilla Dixit (Challenge Corporate Power Assert Peoples Rights; WILPF) Ward Morehouse (Council on International and Public Affairs; POCLAD) Jayan Nayar (invited) (People's Law program, Lelio Basso Foundation, Rome) Preeti Patel (Co-author: "Ending Secret Detentions: Human rights first")

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Panel Discussion

Democracy

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Lecture

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Science & Technology
Climate Change*

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Workshop

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Workshop

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Workshop

*Environment
Democracy*

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Workshop

Faith

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Workshop

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Global Democracy: Making Multilateralism Work -- DEMOCRACY PANEL F

Professor Andrew Strauss, Jim Tarbell and Christopher Currie will address the following topics: the strengths and weaknesses of the current international system; examination of the ways in which the democratization of the system could make it more effective at solving global problems; prospects for a Global Parliament; and the processes involved in creating a New Internationalism.

A Massachusetts Initiative to Eliminate Toxic Solvents from the Workplace

A Massachusetts Initiative to Eliminate Toxic Solvents from the Workplace: Creating a Healthy Environment While Keeping Workers and Communities Safe. Ken Geiser and Carole Le Blanc will focus on the results of the laboratory services offered under the Massachusetts Toxics Use Reduction Act (TURA) over a five-year period. Topics covered include: (1) introduction to the principles of toxics use reduction (TUR), an innovative approach to pollution prevention for the elimination of hazardous substances such as ozone depleting and global warming chemicals, in the pursuit of Green Chemistry. (2) Overview of the TUR voluntary laboratory testing program for solvent substitution located at the University of Massachusetts Lowell. (3) Program assessment by participating companies, leading to an overall company profile and significant decreases in the consumption of organo/chlorinated solvents used for degreasing and cleaning operations in the state. (4) And implications for present and future chemical work and public health/safety on a national level.

Cellular Phones and Electro-magnetic Radiation

Virginia and Sheldon Hines will discuss the magnitude and nature of EMR. Review of research showing physical hazards and steps taken to prevent the use of EMR mechanisms.

Ecological Consciousness and Community. An Experiential Workshop

The state of the world in our time calls each of us to expand our ideas and experiences of community, to deepen our connections within the web of life on earth in order to tap into sources of strength and purpose. Today's dominant world view, that of the industrial growth society, conditions us to experience ourselves as separate from the larger community, both human and more-than-human. Ecopsychology is part of an emerging world view which values the sustaining of all life and invites us to know ourselves as part of the whole, rather than apart from it. In this workshop we will explore three routes to knowing ourselves as part of the earth as a living system: diversity in ways of experiencing the world, connection to the land, and embeddedness in community at all levels. The exploration will include participatory exercises as well as an introduction to the principles of ecopsychology.

Grassroots Action to Stop Genetically Engineered Food

Come learn what communities in New England are doing to take action against genetically engineered food and to promote a sustainable and just food system. Learn what you can do in your community to stop genetically engineered food.

Consultation: Group Decision Making for the Human Family

Consultation is a group process in which the participants work together to investigate the issue under consideration, identify ethical and spiritual values that apply to the issue, and apply those values to arrive at a decision or solution. Practiced by Bahá'í communities around the world, this process emphasizes the free exchange of ideas in an atmosphere of love and respect and in a spirit of service. This workshop explores what is required for a group of people to be able to consult successfully and looks at the ground rules of the process. Consultation is also contrasted to other processes, such as Congressional debate. Participants will also be invited to share their own experiences with group process.

Exclusivity Within the Queer Movement: Marriage as a Bisexual Issue

Marriage is purposely promoted as a "gay and lesbian" issue, instead of including the unique perspective of the bisexual. Using this example, this workshop will delve into why people are excluded from movements, why it is allowed, and what communities can do to overcome this exclusion without infighting.

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Workshop

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Climate Change*

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Workshop

Global Justice

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Workshop

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Movement Building
Global Justice*

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Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Resource Wars, an Ecological Crisis Connecting the Dots: from the Global to the Personal

This interactive workshop will explain the interconnections between war and trade and look at how both are impacting the life support systems of the earth by exacerbating global warming/climate change as well as massively escalating the extinction of species. We will also discuss how dwindling natural resources are projected to bring about more and increasingly deadly wars in the coming decades, especially as oil becomes scarcer. In this Big Picture scenario we will also explore the responsibilities of individuals to work for a radical transformation of economic systems while also addressing the question, "what is a moral level of consumption?" Speakers include: Robert Jensen, School of Journalism, University of Texas; Anne Petermann, Co-director, Global Justice Ecology Project; Orin Langelle, Co-director, Global Justice Ecology Project.

The Educational Network for Global & Grassroots Exchange. Fair Trade Grain: Thai Jasmine Rice

Presentation: The topic of this workshop will be Thai Jasmine Rice as a possible fair trade grain in the US. We will be talking about who the producers of Jasmine Rice are, their conditions, why fair trade is important in this instance, and the steps to make Fair Trade Jasmine Rice a reality. Questions: Filling out workshop participants knowledge of the aforementioned topics. Discussion/Networking: Discussion and a final networking in support of the Fair Trade Jasmine Rice.

Your Global Partners, Our Shared Strength: Three Effective Struggles for Economic Democracy in the Americas

This workshop highlights three projects for economic justice in Guatemala, Peru, and the Americas. The projects demonstrate that "another world is possible" through partnering with community efforts to reclaim active democracy, build economic alternatives, and oppose unfair trade policy. Case examples include progress on promoting fair trade coffee, limiting extractive industries, and opposing the FTAA. The workshop will motivate attendees to carry forward efforts for economic democracy at the community, consumer, and policy levels. Attendees will learn in an interactive format, can choose to take action while present, and will leave feeling engaged and inspired. Workshop speakers include Guatemalan coffee grower Carlos Reynoso, and Oxfam America's Shayna Harris and Thea Gelbspan.

Brasileiros na Luta por um Mundo Melhor

Debate aberto as comunidades brasileiras. Este evento buscara encontrar fatores comuns em nossas lutas por mais direitos, por uma sociedade mais justa e um mundo mais igualitario, tanto nos EUA quanto no Brasil. Um dos objetivos deste debate sera trac,ar estrategias de organizacao comunitaria que ampliem nossos direitos no pais em que vivemos. O debate contara com a presenca do lider do MST Paulo de Marque, assim como lideranc,as comunitarias, religiosas e sindicais. Para maiores informacoes contacte Barbara no tel. 617-524 8778 ou visite o website www.massjwj.net .

Between the Lines (58 min) documentary by Yifat Kedar

The only child of a mother who survived the Holocaust, Amira Hass grew up in a militant communist home to become a respected journalist obsessed with uncovering and reporting the truth. Kedar follows the reporter for two years, beginning in 1999 when Israelis were optimistic about the peace process. Hass, the only Israeli journalist to live in and report from the Occupied Territories, predicts that the situation is on the verge of exploding, yet remains steadfast.

Grassroots Advocacy: How to Change US Policy Toward Israel and Palestine

Josh Ruebner leading this workshop will examine why grassroots advocacy is an important and effective part of social change, how to communicate effectively with elected representatives, and will cover current legislative issues of importance for grassroots activists. Josh Ruebner is the Grassroots Advocacy Coordinator for the US Campaign to End the Israeli Occupation, a diverse coalition of more than 140 organizations that is working to change US policy toward the Israeli-Palestinian conflict to support peace, justice, human rights, and international law rather than military occupation. Ruebner is also the cofounder of Jews for Peace in Palestine and Israel, a Washington, DC based organization of Jewish Americans who are working to end Israel's military occupation. Prior to becoming a political activist, Ruebner worked as an Analyst in Middle East Affairs for Congressional Research Service, a nonpartisan federal agency that provides information and analysis to Members of Congress.

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Workshop

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“What can I do?”: Implementing Your Vision For Social Change; Facilitating Social Innovation by Individuals

The question "What can I do as an individual?" is continually asked and frequently left unanswered. This workshop is designed to help you develop your own answer by identifying an aspect of a social problem that you can address with your own vision, passion, skills and resources. From the social concerns of participants, we will identify sets of component problems and affected groups. We will brainstorm mechanisms to address these issues with manageable and replicable programs. We will develop mission statements for projects, identify stakeholders and prospective partners and their expectations, outline initial strategic plans with programmatic goals, implementation methods, evaluation mechanisms, and identify available resources. We will discuss complementary consulting services and licensing programs that established organizations can offer to encourage social entrepreneurship and the best use of "contributed human resources," including vision, labor, funds and influence.

Wheatley 41; Floor: 1

Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Economy Localization

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Cooperative Development as a Community Economic Development Strategy

Traditional Economic Development planners try to improve the economic indicators of a place—generally GDP, employment levels, etc. The newer approach of Community Economic Development (CED) emphasizes the appreciation and development of people's skills, their relationships with each other and capacity to organize for change, and their ability to own and control the productive assets that supply their needs. The development of cooperative enterprises – worker, consumer, and producer-owned cooperatives – plays a prominent role in CED. Participants will discuss what cooperatives offer communities, that conventional Economic Development strategies do not. Speakers-- Shakoor Aljuwani (Cooperative Life and United Neighborhoods- Buffalo, NY); Rebecca Johnson (Cooperative Economics for Women); Jim Megson (ICA Group/LEAF)

Wheatley 158; Floor: 2

Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Economy Corporate Accountability

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Dirty Money: Corporate/Governmental Organized Crime and How to Stop It

What we often call globalization or capitalism is really organized crime that is operating through governmental apparatus and very sophisticated financial and corporate syndicates. How big is our dirty money problem and what can we do about it? Lucy Komisar, freelance journalist and a founding member of the Global Tax Justice Network (www.taxjustice.net), will focus on off shore and global issues. Catherine Austin Fitts, former Assistant Secretary of Housing under George Bush Sr., now an activist for economic democracy and a community development innovator with Solari, Inc. (www.solari.com), will focus on US domestic issues.

Science Center 62; Floor: 2

Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Climate Change Environment

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Making Biofuels Cooperative--A Round-Table Discussion

The Southern Maine Biofuels Co-op invites you to a round-table discussion to share ideas, strategies and experiences about working cooperatively to make biofuels available and accessible to our communities. Like so many things in our lives, biofuels are becoming a tool for making profit instead of a means of meeting our needs in a just and sustainable way. As a product of earth, sun, rain, soil and human hands that created them, biofuels are a commons like air or water. Let's get organized to keep biofuels sustainable and collective.

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Peace

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Part II: Action Planning to Assess Radiation Risks/ Arouse Public Response/ End the Nuclear Age

Swap resources and strategies with citizen groups in the U.S. using speaking tours, health surveys, street theater, comedy, video screenings and public education to warn about radiation hazards and help end the nuclear age. In this action planning session, find and share resources that link strategies for activists, veterans, and down-winders in far-ranging communities. Featuring tools and techniques ready to use. Adapt and adopt language and strategies to support local goals and your local organization.

McCormack 209; Floor: 1

Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Peace

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Popular Education for Activists: A flipchart and a handful of magic markers is not enough!

Our movements have many learning opportunities which we can make the most of when everyone's experience is respected and participation is democratic. Popular Education, popularized by Brazilian educator and activist Paulo Freire, is widely used throughout the Southern nations to organize for peace and social justice. The practice helps groups gain understanding of their common problems and take action for democratic change and empowerment of the disempowered. Anyone with a commitment to social justice can learn to practice Popular Education. In this workshop, we will explore the concepts behind Popular Education with active tools you can pick up and use in peace and other areas of organizing. Presenters: Louise Dunlap is a community activist and popular educator. She is completing a book on writing for social change. Susan Moir is a labor activist and popular educator who has developed and delivered train-the-trainer courses for Popular Educators for fifteen years.

Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Film Screening

Peace

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Water

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Other

Women's Liberation Women's Web/Feminist Agenda Education

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Events IV (Saturday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Women's Liberation Health Environment

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The Revolution Will Not Be Televised: Film in Spanish with English subtitles

Hugo Chavez, elected president of Venezuela in 1998, is a colorful, unpredictable folk hero. He is beloved by his nation's working class and a tough-as-nails, quixotic opponent to the power structure that would see him deposed. Two independent filmmakers were inside the presidential palace on April 11, 2002, when he was forcibly removed from office. They were also present 48 hours later when, remarkably, he returned to power amidst cheering aides. Their film records what was probably history's shortest-lived coup. It's a unique document about political muscle and an extraordinary portrait of the man The Wall Street Journal credits with making Venezuela "Washington's biggest Latin American headache after the old standby, Cuba." Followed by a brief discussion. discussion leader: Jorge Marin

Stopping Corporate Takeovers of your Municipal Water System

Interactive workshop to learn techniques from those who've been on the front lines. Led by Hugh Jackson, Chetan Talwalkar, Sara Ehrhardt.

School of Social Life: Theory and Practice at the National School for Strategic Organizing.

Note: I would like to participate with others on any program that is looking for additional participants. Or will organize one with other interested parties in attendance. The National School for Strategic Organizing (NSSO), housed at the think tank/act tank Labor/Community Strategy Center, is a site of learning inside a social movement. Learning is generated by daily organizing in the megacity of Los Angeles—a hot spot in the transnational process of integration, disintegration, reintegration that characterizes imperialism today. Knowledge is created through action and reflection in a multiracial, multinational, multilingual movement of working class women and men. Organizers from NSSO and from Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE) will discuss approaches to organizing as political education.

The Truth About Tampons: What Your Mother Never Told You...

The tampon industry has spent the last 50 years polluting the environment with toxic chemicals, hiding the dangers of tampons which killed 38 women in 1980, and making women feel bad about their bodies by painting menstruation as disgusting and shameful. We, menstruators and allies, will not stand for it any longer. Come to this workshop to hear the health, environmental and political consequences of conventional tampons and learn about healthy and inexpensive alternatives. After you've "absorbed" all of the information, learn what menstrual activists are doing all over the country to halt this dangerous arm of sexism. There is a menstrual movement out there!

8:30am - 10:30am

Healey Library Media Presentation Room 3; Floor:

8:30am - 10:30am

Workshop

Media

Contact Information:

United for a Fair Economy
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Bringing the Message Home Via the Media

Does your activist work get the mainstream coverage it deserves? When you return to your daily life after the Boston Social Forum, will the messages you bring home be covered in the local media? By being more strategic in our media work, we can get our efforts covered even in outlets with large audiences. You can learn the mechanics of press releases and press lists from books. But this workshop will give you a chance to practice PR skills and to discuss media strategy with other activists. Betsy Leondar-Wright has been the Communications Director of United for a Fair Economy for over six years, during which time UFE has gotten between 400 and 2000 media hits per year.

Healey Library Media Conference Room; Floor:

8:30am - 10:30am

Panel Discussion

Media Other Economies are Possible Funding Our Movement

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Economic Class--A Taboo Topic in Media

Class does not exist as terminology in U.S. media. Until it does, discussion, understanding and action on the class issues underlying every single social problem will be stymied. Pepi Leistyna, Applied Linguistics at UMass Boston will present on how to see and report on economic inequality, the racial wealth gap, shrinking incomes, disappearing welfare, loss of health care.

9:00am - 10:30am

Student Center Auditorium; Floor:

9:00am - 10:30am

Seminar

Haitian Development

Haiti: Politics and Governance

Speakers include: Prof. Willard Johnson, MIT (Moderator); Prof. Henry (Chip) Carey, Georgia State University; Prof. Robert Maguire, Trinity College

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Saturday - July 24

9:00am - 4:00pm

Taylor Center Computer Lab; Floor:

9:00am - 4:00pm
Workshop

*Active Arts Youth Conference
Media
Other*

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Federal Budgets, Local Lives

Federal Budgets, Local Lives provides participants with customized training in digital photography, audio, and video production to create brief "digital stories" or 3-5 minute video pieces. Digital storytelling values the power of story as a tool for community building and education, organizing, and advocacy. This intensive full day workshop will guide participants through a process combining storytelling with modern-day technology and digital media. The resulting products, both a DVD and website compilation of a series of three-five minute stories, can be broadcast on local television, the internet, and used as a springboard for dialogue and discussion by a broad range of individuals and organizations.

10:00am - 12:00pm

Science Center Lipke Auditorium; Floor: 2

10:00am - 12:00pm

Panel Discussion

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Release of the National People's Platform with Danny Glover and the Institute for Policy Studies

The Institute for Policy Studies has been working with national and local coalitions around the country focusing on the needs of vulnerable U.S. communities. We are working together to turn cities of crisis into Cities of Hope. The National People's Platform represents the coalition work of dozens of community-based organizations addressing the needs and vision of millions of citizens for a better life in a better world. While the process is ongoing, the work in six cities thus far has produced a widespread consensus on the overwhelming issues facing America today. We are working together to articulate the issues, but more importantly to urge policy-makers at all levels to join us in finding and implementing solutions that will have the effect of uplifting our nation and transforming our society into one that is just, fair, anti-racist, and authentically democratic. The overriding organizing principle of our People's Platform is economic, social and political justice with goals based upon the ideas of: Community Empowerment, Racial, Social and Gender Justice, Global Non-Violence, Democratic Participation, Dignified Work, Economic Justice and Environmental Justice.

10:30am - 12:00pm

Student Center Auditorium; Floor:

10:30am - 12:00pm

Panel Discussion

Haitian Development

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Haiti: Education

Speakers include: Rep. Maries St. Fleur, MA House of Representatives (Moderator); Prof. Marc Prou, UMass Boston; Prof. Carole Berotte Joseph, Dutchess Community College; Guitele Nicoleau, Public Education Network

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

12:00pm - 1:30pm

Lecture

*Women's Web/Feminist Agenda
Peace*

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Women's Web--A Feminist Agenda
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1325 and Beijing +10: Women's Activism through the United Nations

Beijing +10 marks the 10-year review on implementation of the Beijing Platform for Action, agreed upon at the Fourth World Conference on Women, which calls on governments to ensure women's equality in all areas, including health, education, and political and economic decision-making. WEDO will update participants on the Beijing +10 preparatory process happening right now. We hope to help the U.S. begin to mobilize around their own participation in the Beijing+10 process. Five organizations pressed for a resolution that called for gender sensitivity in all UN missions including peacekeeping, for women to participate equally in all negotiation tables and for the protection of women and girls during armed conflict. This resolution was adopted unanimously by the UN Security Council in 2000. Doris Mpoumou is the Gender and Governance Program Associate for WEDO. Born in Brazzaville, Congo, Doris has a degree from the University of Brazzaville and worked with the International Rescue Committee, in its Sexual Violence Program in Brazzaville, as well as an initiator of Congolese law reform on sexual violence. Kara Picarrilla, WILPF UN office, will speak of the ongoing implementation of this resolution throughout the world and what remains to be done. Nathalie Gahunga, grad student, Tufts, and a resident of Rwanda will talk of her work on a partnership of best practices of women's peace building, post conflict programs and building sustainable peace mechanisms.

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Student Center Auditorium; Floor:

1:00pm - 2:30pm

Panel Discussion

Haitian Development

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Haiti: Economic Development

Speakers include: Prof. Aruthur McEwan, UMass Boston (Moderator); Alix Cantave, UMass Boston Public Policy Program/LISC; Prof. Paul Latortue, University of Puerto Rico; Congressman William D. Delahunt, US House of Representatives (invited guest)

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Wheatley 126; Floor: 2

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Beats For Peace-Arts & Activism

Using Hip Hop spoken word, Beats for Peace works to engage young people in the peace and justice movement. This workshop will include a discussion about the program, as well as performances from the audience and panel.

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Freedom Songs: Linking Music, Spirituality and Social Reform

Musicians have been at the forefront of every social, political movement in the United States and beyond. As forms of expression and communication they have raised their "freedom songs" to unite, encourage and charge the masses. This workshop will explore the role of music in movements for social change by analyzing a number of freedom songs from diverse genres in order to unveil not only the importance of message-based music but further incite the creation of more. We will focus on the effectiveness of music to educate, inspire and enroll people for action in historical nonviolent movements from Civil Rights to Anti-Apartheid and beyond. Participants will experience music as a practice of solidarity and draw out the distinctions between the spirituality and inspiration in yesterday's freedom songs and today's music. The culmination of this workshop will be the presentation of freedom songs by workshop participants (musical training is NOT a prerequisite).
Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

Wheatley 124; Floor: 2

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

Hip Hop and Financial Empowerment

A learning based workshop designed to help participants develop the real-life skills they need to succeed and to think and choose responsibly as consumers in a global economy and members in the workforce. Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

Inside Look at the Bio-Terror Lab/Mock Community Meeting

In February 2003, President Bush announced Project BioShield- a \$6 billion, 10-year project to increase the U.S.'s bioterrorism capacity. Through Project BioShield, Boston University has been approved to receive \$1.6 billion to build a biological agent research lab in the South End, adjacent to its current medical center. The facility has received a BioSafety Level 4 rating, the highest security classification for such research, as it will deal solely with the most infectious and incurable pathogens such as ebola, anthrax, and plague. Participants will look in on a skit of a Boston University Board Meeting as they prepare to answer questions at a (mock) community meeting. During the skit, participants will hear actual statements made by BU officials and members of the Safety Net. Participants will then breakout and develop a set of questions to ask about the bio-terror lab at the mock community meeting.

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Living Proof

Morbid Statistics? No way! These New Voices of Pride Are Here to Stay! Six months of intense creative arts workshops culminated in the performance of the original play "Living Proof: Outlasting Storm or Danger in Order to Discover Truth" in Baltimore, MD June 13-15, 2003. Featuring photo self-portraits and "living proof statements" by each of the 14 participants, the play dispels stereotypes and challenges myths, celebrating the resilience and enhancing the visibility of urban GLBTQ youth.

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

Prison-Industrial Complex 101

This interactive workshop will put the pieces together; participants will get to see a bigger picture of the prison-industrial complex, how it affects them and their communities, and how they can take action to dismantle the PIC.

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

Theater of the Oppressed

Come learn how to take your voice and the voices in your community to create moving, inspiring and critical theater for all. Learn how by exploring personal instances of oppression we can break open the larger issues plaguing society.

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Wheatley Snowden Auditorium; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Film Screening

*BSF Film Series
Women's Web/Feminist Agenda
Global Justice*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Challenging Corporate Power
Movement Building
Global Justice*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Seminar

*Climate Change
Environment
Global Justice*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi
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Panel Discussion

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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Workshop

Culture

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Democracy

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Anonymously Yours

Gayle Ferraro, 2002, 87 min. A painfully intimate study of the horrors of sex trafficking in Myanmar (formerly Burma), this powerful documentary represents the sort of risk-taking investigative journalism that today's TV news media practice only rarely. Ferraro and her bare-bones crew dared to smuggle their recording equipment past the military and enlisted the clandestine help of a social worker to gain access to four women who agreed to talk about their experiences as enslaved prostitutes. Though the women are seen striving to create new and better lives for themselves, Ferraro hardly disguises the realities of extreme poverty in Myanmar and throughout Southeast Asia that will likely keep some of the world's poorest and most vulnerable people trapped in sex slavery. (from a review by Rob Nelson, Mother Jones)

Challenging Corporate Power II: Movement Building for Social Change

Genuine social change and serious challenges to corporate power can only come about when large numbers of people act collectively to exert power over institutions to alter the relations of power. How are communities globally and low-income, communities of color in the US already at the forefront of the movement to challenge corporate power? How can we build a movement that mobilizes a critical mass that acts collectively to impact institutions and also includes the diversity of communities impacted by corporate abuses in leadership positions? How can we build a movement that transforms communities - by giving people a sense of their own power, realize local to global connections while also developing an analysis that validates the need to link the diverse struggles for justice globally? The panel will explore, among other areas, the role of community organizing, leadership development, the importance of North-South and South-South solidarity and the barriers of racism, sexism and classism in the movement to challenge corporate power and realize another world is possible.

Boiling Point: A Climate Crisis -- And What We Can Do to Avert Disaster

Meet Ross Gelbspan, the Pulitzer Prize winning author of 'The Heat is On' to discuss his new book 'Boiling Point: How Politicians, Big Oil And Coal, Journalists, And Activists Have Fueled A Climate Crisis -- And What We Can Do To Avert Disaster'. Gelbspan claims that climate change is the issue that, unchecked, will swamp all other issues facing us today. In his new book he reveals the nefarious dealings of the Bush administration and implicates some more unusual suspects: liberal journalists and environmental activists. Finally, he offers a concrete plan for averting a full-blown climate crisis. Addressing climate change could solve many other problems in our social, political, and economic lives.

Challenging Homeland Repression: A National Strategy Forum; PART II: National Strategy Session

A new model of domestic repression is emerging in the US aimed at limiting mass protest and cracking down on all forms of dissent. Culminating during the Miami/FTAA protests last November, this model (often called the 'Miami Model') confronts us with a new machinery of violence and disinformation that appears destined for widespread application across the US. This rapidly developing model employs the militarization of police, false and/or preemptive arrests, surveillance and infiltration, the use of experimental, electronic and chemical weaponry, armored vehicles patrolling the streets, unconstitutional legal procedures and federal funding mechanisms all bolstered by a sophisticated set of media manipulation strategies. Come hear what you can do to prevent this model from growing further. The discussion will take place in two parts

The War on Drugs -- Part II

With Clifford Thorton, Whitney Taylor, and Jack Cole. This second half of a two-part panel explores solutions -- from treatment expansion to legalization to working with state legislatures to protesting current state policies -- for populations negatively effected by the war on drugs.

Cross-Class Alliance Building in the Progressive Movement

How diverse are our coalitions by class? What's their predominant class culture? What's the class background of the activists around us, and whose voices are getting heard? How often are class dynamics discussed in our groups? This workshop will ask these provocative questions about the invisible "ism," classism, as a step towards building the broader base that comes with stronger cross-class alliances. Betsy Leondar-Wright is the author of Class Matters: Cross-Class Alliance Building for Middle-Class Activists (forthcoming from New Society Publishers) and creator of the website www.ClassMatters.org.

Alternative Electoral Strategies: Reforming the Democratic Party or Independent Politics0

Eric Chester, Socialist Party; a representative of the Kucinich campaign; looking for a Green representative

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Wheatley 64; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Democracy

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

*Education
Other*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

*Education
Culture*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

*Education
Culture
Peace*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Environment

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The Domestic War Against Terrorism -- Are We on the Right Track?

With Kareem Shora, Legal Director of the national American-Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee and Nancy Murray, Director of the Bill of Rights Education Project at the ACLU of Massachusetts. This session will focus on the way the "domestic war on terrorism" is being fought on both a national and state level and demonstrate that it is both unconstitutional and counterproductive. You will hear how both people and institutions are being affected and abused. An array of materials will be available. How can we fight back to preserve civil liberties and democracy?

Activists and Academics: Theory, Data and Movement—a Reflexive Praxis?

Our workshop will address the often described disconnect between the work of academics studying social movements and the actions of activists involved within them. We will address questions such as: To what extent should activists inform academics, and academics inform activists? In what ways can these relationships help or hurt movements? How can these relationships be fostered and become more productive? And, is there an emerging reflexive praxis between movements and academics? We plan to create an informal and open roundtable dialogue between facilitators and participants—hopefully to the extent that we erase any such designation between 'us and them'. Our facilitators will come from both the worlds of activism as well as academics, and represent a diversity of methodologies, backgrounds, and cultures.

An Introduction to Black Studies: A Perspective of Life on Turtle Island (US) from the 1300's to the 1980's

The participants will learn about the positive contributions of people of African descent living in the United States from the 1300's to the 1980's. The contributors, some slave and some free, greatly influenced the social, scientific, political, cultural, and educational landscape of "America". Some of these are well known and some are not. In addition, we will answer the question, "Why is there a Black History Month? and how can we sustain and maintain that celebration. Participants will receive resources and materials to further enhance their knowledge and interest in African-American History.

Defeating the No Child Left Behind Law

This workshop will examine the federal No Child Left Behind law, discuss resistance to that law, and consider alternative approaches to Accountability@ and assessment that can best serve all students, particularly low-income children and children of color, recent immigrants and children with disabilities, and well as support educators, parents and communities. Panelist: Monty Neill and Lisa Guisbond, both of FairTest and CARE

Harvard World View Exchange

Harvard World View Exchange is a student run and initiated program that brings international graduate students from the school of education and the Kennedy school of government together with local teachers and students K-12 to discuss international issues as they educate one another about their countries, experiences, religions politics and their own world views. We will present a video of what we do as a segway for a roundtable discussion about how to expand and improve this kind of initiative as a means for promoting peace and global understanding through creative utilization of already available resources. The dialogue will be dynamic and participatory.

Learning to Make a Difference: What CPCS Students Learn and Teach in their Communities

Specific examples from students of how they are using their CPCS (The College of Public and Community Service at UMass/Boston) education in their progressive social change work. Organizers/Speakers: Sarah Bartlett, CPCS Dean for Student Services; Ernest Best, Adult Literacy Resource Institute; Jack Cole, Founder and Director, Law Enforcement Against Prohibition; Ty DePass, Graduate student, Boston College and District 7 Education Roundtable; Diane Dujon, Director of Experiential Learning, CPCS; Pierre Imbert, Director, Haitian Multi-Service Center; David Rubin, Retired Faculty, Writing Across the Curriculum and Director of CPCS Admissions Seminars; Libardo Rueda, teacher UMass/Boston, the Pine Street Inn Shelter, and Local 615 of the SEIU (janitors) Union; Dottie Stevens, National Welfare Rights Union and past candidate for Governor of Massachusetts; Elaine Ward, Director, CIRCLE (Center for Immigrant and Refugee Leadership Empowerment).

Bio-Terror Lab Workshop (completely in Spanish)

This workshop will discuss the issues related to placing a Bio-Terrorism laboratory in Roxbury from a community perspective. We'll expose the myths and discuss the realities of the proposed Bio-Lab. We'll also focus on what action steps people can take to try to stop this lab from being built.

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Wheatley 44; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Environment
Economy*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

*Environment
Health*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Environment

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Lecture

*Faith
Democracy
Movement Building*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Lecture

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Other*

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**Ecology and Society, 2: Overcoming
Overconsumption (or, How to Cut Greenhouse
Gases and Live Better)**

The current level of energy consumption is unsustainable. How much of this is used up in pursuits that do not serve human need? How can people come to understand that a more ecologically based organization of the economy is not just a prerequisite for longterm survival, but is also the key to a more peaceful, healthy, harmonious, and culturally vibrant society? These questions will be grappled with by panelists: Cynthia Rojas (grassroots organizer from Los Angeles, leader of Bus Riders Union campaign for clean air); Juliet Schor (author of "The Overspent American"; edited "Sustainable Planet"; professor of sociology at Boston College); and Victor Wallis (author of "Technology, Ecology, & Socialist Renewal" [CNS, June 2004]; who teaches political science at Berklee College of Music).

**Free Gift with your Cosmetics Purchase! A
complimentary dose of toxics chemicals....**

Chemicals linked to cancer and birth defects do not belong in cosmetics. Period. However, many popular brands of shampoo, deodorant, face cream and other everyday products contain these dangerous chemicals. Why? Our government does not require safety tests for cosmetics, like they do for prescription drugs and food. And our government does little to regulate chemicals at all. The good news is: Safer products are the latest trend in health and beauty. Because We're Worth It! The Campaign for Safe Cosmetics is a coalition of public health, educational, religious, labor, women's, environmental and consumer groups. Our goal is to protect the health of consumers and workers by requiring the health and beauty industry to phase out the use of chemicals that are known or suspected carcinogens, mutagens and reproductive toxins. Come hear about the campaign and how you can get involved.

Politics, Money And The Environment

SHELDON KRIMSKY, Tufts U. Dept Urban & Environmental Policy & Planning; KEVIN KNOBLOCK, Union of Concerned Scientists; and GAYLAN NELSON, Commonwealth Coalition will present and discuss --The Misuse of Science--The corporate capture of academic science and its impact on environmental health -- Suppression and Distortion of Research Findings at Federal Agencies.--Undermining the Quality and Integrity of the Appointment Process -Junk science movement and-the Chemical Industry-Government-University complex.

**TIKKUN: Reaching Americans through a
Progressive Spiritual Politics - Generosity,
Lovingkindness, Awe, and Joy, as Resistance**

Rabbi Michael Lerner, editor of TIKKUN magazine and founder of the Tikkun Community, will present a spiritual vision for inner healing and world transformation. Many of us in social change movements find that these movements often downplay, even deny, the spiritual dimension of human life. This is self-defeating. Injustice, suffering, ecological apathy, political passivity, and fear derive not only from economic and political arrangements. They are also driven by alienation - from our innermost longings for mutual affirmation, loving connection, and common purpose; from sensing ourselves as part of the unity of being; and from each other. People come to see progressive movements as irrelevant to their deepest concerns, merely another arena for the clash of egos, emotionally draining rather than nourishing. To create the world we imagine, we must liberate our implicit desire to love one another - this love that dare not speak its name.

War & the Economy

This interactive workshop highlights the post-Reagan changes in the federal budget.

**Fulfilling the Promise of Emma Lazarus: An
examination of U.S. immigration policy in the
GLBT and HIV/AIDS context.**

Lecture will cover the history of the GLBT and HIV-rights movement at the intersection of U.S. immigration policy. Discussion will focus on marginal advances made in this context with an emphasis on the current struggle for immigration equality for GLBT and HIV-positive immigrants.

Community Based Divestment

The Somerville Divestment Project (SDP) is a Grassroots organization of people working for divestment from Israel occupation-connected monies. The workshop will feature information on community based divestment (strategy, tactics and technical information about investment, networking with SDP)

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McCormack 209; Floor: 1

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Workshop

*Global Justice
Immigration
Movement Building*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Global Justice
Economy
Other Economies are Possible*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Health
Global Justice
Economy*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

*Health
Labor Jobs & the New England Eco
Movement Building*

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Film Screening

Immigration

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**La Verdadera Historia de la Inmigracion. A
Verdadeira Historia da Imigracao**

Iremos juntos contar la verdadera historia de nuestra inmigracion. Vamonos relatar y aprender en conjunto quales son los factores historicos, politico y economicos que vienen traendo inmigrantes para los EEUU, en los ultimos 100 anos. Este taller sera conducido en Espanol y Portugues, y es organizado por la Coalision de Massachusetts por la Justicia Global. Para saber mas sobre nosotros visite el sitio <http://www.bostonglobalaction.net> .

Outsourcing: The Fair Globalization Solution

Has your job been outsourced? Are you afraid it will be? This is for you. It's the world premiere of a new interactive workshop that analyzes the forces driving outsourcing and then zeroes in on the key question: how can we get more good jobs? Your input will help outsourced workers organize. Based on NAFFE's in-depth study, "Outsource This? American Workers, the Good Jobs Deficit, and the Fair Globalization Solution" (www.fairjobs.org); designed by Deborah Schwartz and Mike Prokosch of United for a Fair Economy.

**Sweatshops: Why do we still have them? How do
we fight them?**

A panel discussion on the anti-sweatshop movement. Our speakers will analyze the rise & fall and rise again of sweatshops, from the turn of the last century to Asia, Central America and the US today. What does globalization of the US apparel industry and the rise of Wal-Mart mean for women, trade unionists, and international human rights - and what can we do about it? Panel will feature Bob Ross, Ellen Rosen and a youth activist from United Students Against Sweatshops (yet to be selected). Bob Ross, Clark University is author (with Kent Trachte) of "Global Capitalism: The New Leviathan." Ellen Rosen, Brandeis University is author of "Making Sweatshops: The Globalization of the U.S. Apparel Industry." More info on each can be found at: <http://dsaboston.org/speakersbureau.pdf>

**Envisioning a People-Centered Healthcare System
That Brings Together the World's Healing
Traditions**

What would our healthcare system look like if it were centered more around people and communities and less around insurance and pharmaceutical companies? If it embraced all the world's great healing traditions instead of relying so heavily on expensive drugs and surgical therapies? If it was financially, socially and ecologically sustainable instead of in its present crisis? Join Integrative Medicine Alliance Founder and Coordinator Karl Berger as we co-create a collective vision of a more people-centered, collaborative, and sustainable healthcare system for Boston, the region, our nation and the world. Both givers and receivers of care of all backgrounds are welcome to take part in this interactive workshop. We will consider a broader definition of health and wellness, envision positive futures, and look at what we need to do today to get to the future we want to see.

Global Trade Agreements, Democracy and Health

Ellen R. Shaffer and Joseph E. Brenner of the Center for Policy Analysis on Trade and Health (CPATH), Brook K. Baker of Health GAP (Global Access Project) and Greg Connolly, Harvard School of Public Health will examine how international trade agreements affect health care services, health care workers and professionals, access to medicines, and tobacco control, and the health community's response. The public health agenda for fair trade seeks to gain health representation in trade negotiations, to improve access to vital services, to assure that nations maintain their democratic rights to protect health, and to address immigration of health care workers. Campaigns are underway to protect poor countries' flexibilities to bypass the WTO TRIPS Agreement on medicines, and to block imposing heightened data exclusivity rules through bilateral and regional trade agreements. Research demonstrates how trade agreements can increase tobacco use, and how tobacco control advocates can challenge harmful trade policies.

**Health Care Workers' Struggles: Voices from the
Frontlines**

Health care workers are themselves increasingly victims of our profit driven health care system. Nurses are struggling for safe staffing ratios, doctors are fighting to preserve their independence from HMOs, and other health care providers are facing budget cuts in a system that puts patient care and dignity for workers last. This workshop will discuss these ongoing struggles of health care providers and the need to reorder our health care priorities.

United We Dream: Youth Activism

Two video documentaries produced by youth from East Boston. The films are part of a campaign for higher education for immigrant students. Students and organizers will describe the legislative process and answer questions about the films and about the proposed legislation that would allow them access to higher education.

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Panel Discussion

International Peace Conference - A

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

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Workshop

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Workshop

Movement Building

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International Peace Conference - Opening Plenary

The American Friends Service Committee's track, "A World Working Together For Peace," will formally begin with an opening convocation. Cosponsored by the European Network for Peace & Human Rights, and leading peace and justice figures from Asia, Africa, Latin America and the United States, conferences within the track will explore American hegemony and pre-emptive war, nuclear war and imperative of abolition, and the worldwide anti-war movement. Speakers in the opening convocation will include Filipino scholar/activist Walden Bello of Focus on the Global South, United for Peace and Justice co-founder Leslie Cagan (U.S.), South African anti-apartheid leader Dennis Brutus, former reform party member of Parliament Elaheh Koolae (Iran), Princeton University Professor Zia Mian, Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament and anti-bases campaigner Rae Street (Britain), and Coalition for Nuclear Disarmament & Peace co-founder Aichin Vanaik (India). These and other international conference speakers will be participating in conferences and workshops throughout the track.

Dual Occupations:U.S. Foreign Policy in Iraq and Palestine

The neocons in the Bush Administration developed a strategy for a post-cold war world dating back to the early 90's. It was based on maintaining American unilateral hegemony well into the future, unchallenged by another country such as China, or any combination of allied countries. The first stage called for the strategic Middle East beginning with Iraq. The planned scenario failed, and the situation created by the US's unilateral action has led to greater problems in the area. The focus of this workshop is on the dual occupations of Iraq and Palestine and their importance to the future of the area. Speakers on this panel include: Naseer Aruri Professor Emeritus, UMASS-Dartmouth Sinan Antoon Poet, Novelist, and Film Producer Moderator, Elaine Hagopian Professor Emerita, Simmons College, Boston A question and answer period will follow all speakers

My Terrorist - Yulie Cohen Gerstel; Palestine is Still the Issue - John Pilger (2 documentaries)

Fahad Mihyi, a member of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Yulie Cohen, a sixth-generation Israeli, first met in August 1978, when Mihyi pointed a machine gun at the El Al flight attendant. Twenty-three years later, Yulie considers writing a letter in support of Mihyi's parole, thereby thrusting herself into the turbulent world of Middle East politics. Winner of a Special Jury Prize at the Jerusalem International Film Festival, My Terrorist asks hard questions about the meaning of forgiveness and hate, the inevitability of violence and, just possibly, about the chance of reconciliation between Palestinians and Israelis. In a series of extraordinary interviews with both Palestinians and Israelis, John Pilger weaves together the myriad issues afflicting the people on both sides of the conflict. He sees the humiliation imposed on Palestinians in a manner reminiscent of apartheid South Africa. "The fate and struggle of the Palestinians," says Pilger, "are not just critical to the overdue recognition of their basic human rights, but are also central to whether the region, and the wider world, are plunged into war."

Tearing Down a Wall

Powerpoint presentation by Tarek Abuata In a thought provoking presentation, Tarek Abuata, a Palestinian American lawyer and activist, chronicles the devastation that the Wall is creating among Palestinians. Through a series of photographs, maps, diagrams, and commentary taken from his experience of working for close to a year in Palestine as a legal researcher, Tarek pierces the veil of media distortion and paints a visceral portrait of why separation and barriers can never lead to peace. Tarek Abuata was born in Jerusalem, Palestine in 1978. He moved to the United States along with his family at the age of 12, two years after the outbreak of the first Intifada, the Palestinian Uprising. After graduating from the University of Texas Law School in 2002, he spent a year in the Occupied Palestinian Territories working with the Communications Department of the Negotiations Support Unit, a group of advisors to the PLO.

Building a Movement

A very exciting journey through the elements of building a movement as large as the civil rights movement. We will focus and use the example of the challenge of a movement to abolish poverty in Massachusetts and the U.S., the richest country in the world - led by those most affected, low-income people. Led by Grace Ross, Lisa Richards and others organizing to abolish poverty.

Building a Progressive Asian American Movement Network

Building a Progressive Asian American Movement Network. We want to encourage and support greater Asian American activism by networking Asian American activists across generations and geography by holding a workshop on why and how to build a network of Asian American organizations and individuals that will mutually support each other on issues particularly to Asian Americans and how to organize Asian American constituencies.

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Workshop

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Workshop

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Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Lecture

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Environment Localization

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Internationalism versus Patriotism, Nationalism, and War

Nationalism is the idea that workers and capitalists of one country or ethnic group are bound together. Their nation or ethnic group is primary or above all others. The rise of capitalism has encouraged the development of nationalism. The biggest capitalist powers of the world led by the U.S. have divided up the world and are now in increasing conflict with each other. Imperialism is the logical outgrowth of capitalism. Capitalists must try to make maximum profits to survive, and competition among capitalists over market share, cheap labor, and resources leads to war. The capitalist class in any country uses patriotism to win its workers to support going to war against another country's capitalists. Racism links up with patriotism. Without racism how could the bosses convince workers that the deaths and superexploitation of foreign workers is acceptable?

Is a Socialist World Possible?

Socialism. Could it ever happen here, in heart of world capitalism? The US has a magnificent--and hidden--history of working class struggle. These struggles have time and again challenged the nature of the system we live under--a system based on corporate rule, wars for profit, racism and oppression--and fought for a different vision of a society run to meet human needs instead of profits. This meeting will look at the history of socialism and the workers' movement in the US and what kinds of lessons we can draw for the struggles we face today and the ones that lie in our future. Sponsored by the International Socialist Organization, publisher of Socialist Worker newspaper. Visit us at www.socialistworker.org.

Socialist Organizations and Social Movements: friends or enemies?

Explore the role of socialism and socialist organizations in movement-building. Panelists will comment on what has changed on the left, efforts to strengthen the socialist current, which anti-capitalist initiatives have been more effective internationally today, and broader strategies for transformational social change. Group discussion will follow with three goals: 1) Explore the continuing relevance of socialism as an alternative vision to capitalism. 2) Assess the institutional resources we have for movement building: socialist organizations have had mixed results. Yet without the organized left, movements often wind up too disorganized to truly make a difference. 3) Strategize about what new kinds of organizations are likely to be politically effective and how they might come about. Panel: Meizhu Lui (Freedom Road Socialist Organization), Will Colwell (Committees of Correspondence for Democracy and Socialism), Solidarity and others.

Unions & Movement Building

This workshop will explore how labor and community groups can work together in strategic partnership for social justice, at the community, national, and global levels. How can the goals of social and economic justice be an integral part of union work? How can unions become a more effective vehicle for building a broad-based movement for social change? What are the constraints and possibilities for this two-way integration? What kind of union education do we need to help raise social consciousness among members?

Beyond Capitalism: Parecon?

Michael Albert presents participatory economics as a vision for how to conduct economic life in a manner producing solidarity, diversity, equity, and self management, as well as meeting needs and developing potentials. The session presents alternative institutions for the division of labor, remuneration, means of allocation, etc., followed by extensive Q&A and exploration of all and any issues related to economic vision.

Building Alliances on Immigration Reform

Focusing on grassroots organizing, this workshop will use the Immigrant Workers Freedom Ride as an example of a successful and important alliance between immigrants, non-immigrant communities, and labor. How can we build alliances across issues of racial, class, gender and citizenship groups? Working with community groups, SEIU and other unions need to strategize around immigration as an issue that impacts both on the growth of SEIU/labor and on the relationship between countries of the global North and the global South.

Look Who's Coming to Dinner! - Building Healthy Food Systems

As food distribution mechanisms become more exclusive and consolidated, small producers and consumers have less and less influence on a food system designed by big industry players seeking big profits. Yet access to healthy food must be a right for all, and vibrant farm communities are essential for a healthy society. In recent years, producers, consumers, organizations and businesses have embraced both new and traditional methods of connecting people to the food that sustains them and to the farmers that grow it. The panel, Julie Petot (Equal Exchange); Lynn Colangione (Red Tomato); Jeff Cole (Federation of MA Farm Markets); Laura Millay (Food and Medicine: Union Supported Agriculture); and a representative from The Food Project (Boston, MA) will introduce some of these methods and will foster lively discussions about the future of food distribution.

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)
Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Immigration

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Race and Jobs in Boston

Despite its perceived liberal reputation Boston remains one of the most segregated cities in the US with people of color continuing to face discrimination at all levels of the economy. How do issues like affirmative action and desegregation continue to impact the city? What effect does racism have on the kinds of jobs that people have and what are some strategies that confront the issue of job discrimination. How can unions play a positive role in this struggle and what are the obstacles that keep them from playing that role. Contact: Russ Davis, Jobs With Justice, 617-524-8778 or email jwj@jwj.net

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Economy Localization

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Economy

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Re-engineering Our Community Economies: Taking Back Our Wealth

How do we reverse the financial drain in our communities, including the real deal of "dirty money" and the related politics and risks? This highly interactive workshop is designed to explore options with folks interested in hands on efforts -- both those who want to take informal actions as individuals or clubs as well as those with entrepreneurial experience interested in full time action. The focus is on US communities but global discussions and comparisons will be welcome.

Rethinking Economic Development: State and Local Policies to Bolster Community Economic Stability.

This panel discusses how states and localities can support forms of capital ownership and business enterprise which are inherently place-based, including worker-owned firms, cooperatives, community-owned corporations, municipal enterprises, and locally owned businesses. The panel will discuss specific policies to support such enterprises, talk about promising ways to expand that support, and consider what kinds of political coalitions need to be constructed to shift the practice of economic development from a "candy store" for corporations to a "community building" paradigm. Speakers: James DeFilippis, Professor of Black and Hispanic Studies at City University of New York; Tom Hayden, long-time activist, California state legislature; Jessica Gordon Nembhard, Professor of African-American Studies at the University of Maryland; Thad Williamson, Harvard University, Author and Editorial collective of Dollars & Sense magazine.

McCormack Ryan Lounge; Floor: 3

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Other

Other Economies are Possible Economy

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Workers' Empowerment and Workers' Entitlements -- Part 1

This plenary will explore and flesh out the link between levels of workers' economic empowerment (strength of bargaining power/labor rights) and levels of workers' social and economic entitlements (extent of safety net and benefits' coverage) in the US, selected countries of the EU. All appropriate links will be drawn between the strength/extent of coverage relative to each country and the respective systems of worker representation and collective bargaining. Main Speakers: Frances Fox Piven, Professor, CUNY, NYC; Guglielmo Epifani, Secretary General, CGIL, Rome; Anne-Marie Grozelier, Sociologist, L'Espresso, Paris; Larry Mishel, President, EPI, Washington DC; Elaine Bernard, Harvard University, Cambridge; Horace Small, UMN, Boston; Pasqualino Colombaro, SEIU 509

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Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Seminar

Peace Global Justice

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Toward a Safer World: The International Criminal Court

Join speakers John Washburn and Anna N. Astvatsaturova and gain a deeper understanding of the International Criminal Court (ICC), the first permanent institution established to impose individual criminal liability for serious human rights violations. After an extensive career in diplomacy and international organizations, Mr. Washburn is now Convener of the American NGO Coalition on the ICC, cochairman of the Washington Working Group on the ICC, and a board member and immediate past president of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office. Ms. Astvatsaturova, J.D. (2003), is a naturalized US citizen and former Armenian refugee from Azerbaijan. She was named Outstanding Law Student of the Year by Who's Who American Law Students. She has recently completed a legal clerkship in the Registry of the ICC. She attended the 10th Preparatory Commission of the ICC, and the 1st and 2nd Assembly of States Parties.

McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Panel Discussion

Peace

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We All Want Peace, but How Do We Find It? A Platform for Peace.

Members of the Boston-based Coalition for a Strong United Nations, joined by Congressman and Presidential Candidate Dennis Kucinich, will present items from their "Peace Platform," which was developed for all political leaders. The Platform is an action-centered work plan of collaborative processes to rebuild the U.S. role in the international community, and strengthen our commitment to human rights, the environment, and democracy. Included will be the Kucinich proposal for a Department of Peace. Presenters: Brian Aull and Nancy Wrenn, co-chairs of the Coalition for a Strong United Nations, Joseph Wronka, Springfield College, and Cong. Dennis Kucinich

Wheatley CPCS Wheatley W-4-141; Floor:

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Strategic Non-Violence Culture Peace

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Joining Forces

Discussing the results of the last 2 years strategic planning of 30 peace & social justice organizations in Cleveland, Ohio. Defining impact paradigms that can be maximised when local & nationally affiliated peace/social justice groups, some faith based, utilize their combined resources to create positive progressive change impacting all pillars of society. How this process occurred and is unfolding in Cleveland. Its current strengths & weaknesses, and what can be done to further implement this for IMPACT model. Discussion and implementation tools for groups wanting to work locally, nationally & globally.

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Wheatley 31; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)
Panel Discussion

Strategic Non-Violence Faith Culture

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Religion and Empowerment

How can religion foster solidarity and empower citizens for democratic governance? Millions of Americans and people abroad are kept in a politically weak and voiceless state. What is it about religion that has helped people gain power collectively? How can religion lead or assist in generating freedom, justice, and equality in the US today? Panelists: Ignacio Castuera (liberation theology, Los Angeles CA) Harvey Cox (Harvard Divinity School) Don Muhammad (Nation of Islam, Dorchester MA) Kathleen Olesky (Soka Gakkai Buddhist organization) David Carl Olson (Greater Boston Interfaith Organization)

McCormack 208; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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Organizing 101

This is an overview of all the basic skills you need to run an effective student activist group. If your group is generally in a rut, you're not getting people to your meetings or accomplishing much, or you're new to activism, this workshop is for you. It can be tailored to what you need most and can vary in length from one and a half hours to four hours.

Wheatley 61; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Water Global Justice Challenging Corporate Power

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"Water on Trial" Workshop

How multinational corporations come to our communities to take over water. A real life role-play where all attendants are participants. The World's Water is under attack. Water is being traded and commodified by multinational companies in the interest of only the few. Participate in this educative and participatory workshop to increase your knowledge on water privatization and local water struggles.

Wheatley 47; Floor: 1

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

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www.joepublicfilms.com

Defending the Commons

NH filmmaker Tom Jackson will facilitate discussion following a screening of his latest documentary, "Defending the Commons". Jackson will provide suggestions and materials for fighting corporate water giants, and the World Bank & IMF. Defending the Commons (2004) 48 min. World Bank, IMF and Corporate Water's pressure on Developing Countries to Commodify Water In Nicaragua, people are overwhelmingly opposed to water "privatization". Yet the World Bank and IMF continue to pressure the Nicaraguan government to hand over this most precious resource to corporations. If the broken promises of better water quality, access and affordability in other countries which have privatized are not enough evidence, what of the failures that have already taken place after privatizing other Nicaraguan utilities? Hear what Nicaraguans have to say, as well as commentary from Vandana Shiva, Maude Barlow and more.

McCormack 430; Floor: 3

Events V (Saturday 1:00-3:00)

Workshop

Women's Liberation Health Economy

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Women's Liberation: Where Do We Go From Here?

This workshop will discuss ideas from the 2001 Redstockings' organizing packet "Women's Liberation and National Health Care: Confronting the Myth of America"--referring to the heavily hyped notion that the U.S. is number one in wages, living standards, health care and that U.S. women are the most liberated in the world. Come learn an arsenal of facts, arguments and feminist history plus an energetic and encouraging analysis of what the feminist movement has accomplished and where we can go from here.

1:00pm - 5:30pm

Healey Library Media Auditorium - LL-135; Floor:

1:00pm - 5:30pm

Workshop

Media Democracy Culture

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New Media Summit

Using the Socratic style of the Let's Talk America format, we intend to have approximately 13 first tier delegates invited to speak and participate in the first round. Then 13 second tier delegates will be invited to make comment. On the third tier level, invitees/participants will be invited into a half hour break out dialogue with the first and second tier delegates, and then focus will return to the 26 first and second tier delegates. By taking the input in small break-out groups, the top level participants will bring their input back to the table with them into their attempt to forge the language of an agreement/statement. Moderator/facilitators/hosts will be assigned for break-out groups. Overall facilitator and time keeper will establish flow, help maintain ground rules. (We have tested this method and it is much more engaging than the typical Panel followed by Q & A.)

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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Presentation and Consultation on the Geneva Declaration for Global Harmony

A short video/slide presentation on The Global Peace Initiative of Women Religious Leaders launch meeting at the United Nations in Geneva in 2002 that brought together more than 500 leading women from faith, business and government. Two speakers, Ms. Janelle Surpris and Ms. Brianne Chai-Onn, will present events the organization has worked to organize .

2:30pm - 4:30pm

Student Center Auditorium; Floor:

2:30pm - 4:30pm
Panel Discussion

Haitian Development

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Haiti: Judicial Reform/Public Safety

Speakers include: Prof. Winston Langley, UMass Boston (Moderator); Jocelyn McCalla, National Coalition for Haitian Rights; Joe Trincellito, International Consultant on Rule of Law and Criminal Justice; Margaret Burnham, Northeastern University Law School; Soffiyah Elijah, Harvard Law School

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

3:00pm - 4:30pm

Lecture

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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Let it Begin with Me: Transforming our Anger in the Peace Movement

To bring peace to the earth we need first to learn the instruments of peace ourselves. Through participating in this workshop, you will learn the difference between healthy and unhealthy anger, what triggers you and how to defuse your triggers, Anger-obics exercises to help you "keep the peace" when others are triggered, how to uncover the message behind your anger so that you may take actions that will improve the situation, and skills for communicating effectively so that you bring people in rather than push them away. Lisa Tener is a writer and creativity coach and is the co-author of "Good and Mad: Transform Anger Using Mind, Body, Soul and Humor." Tener originated the concept of Anger-obics, which are exercises designed to help people get in touch with the wisdom behind their anger.

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Free Speech-Censorship in Hip Hop

This workshop will examine the influence of free speech on the censorship of Hip Hop. Hip Hop has received negative labels as being too violent and graphic and continuously sending demoralizing and corruptive messages to youth. Participants will learn to use their voices as a tool that embodies the rights of free speech to change the mainstream views of Hip Hop. The goal of this workshop is for participants to engage in civic discussion while using their voices as a method for positive social change. Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

Wheatley 127; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference Media

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Images and Stereotypes: Politics in Production

This workshop will explore some of the current stereotypes portrayed in broad- and cablecast television from a standpoint of culture, gender and age, and why stereotypes are so widely used. Participants will discuss their own relationships with these images, their producers and their hopes and responsibilities for decreasing negative portrayals. The production of new media concepts and construction of new images and stereotypes will be covered. Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

Wheatley 124; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

League of Pissed Off Voters featuring Adrienne Brown

Recently the League published "how To Get Stupid White Men Out of Office." This workshop features stories of success from various communities around the country, and tactics for engaging young people in the political process.

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

Operation HIP HOP RECOVERY: Taking back the Culture

Over the past thirty years Hip Hop Culture has grown and blossomed in many ways, yet its rapid growth has been challenged by the competing trends of commercialism, commodification and appropriation. This workshop challenges hip-hop headz and enthusiasts to return to the battlefield to recover the essence of hip hop culture. This interactive session will be one not to miss.

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Post 9/11 USA-- Democracy or Police State?

This interactive youth-led workshop will use actual scenarios to illustrate the threats to constitutional rights and protections represented by the "domestic war on terrorism." It will examine the government's use of racial, ethnic and religious profiling, and its resort to the kind of "pre-crime" response depicted in the film "Minority Report." Do policies that erode basic freedoms make us more safe? What will the future look like if we do not fight back? How can young people get involved in the struggle for democracy?

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

McCormack 213; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Saliagua Debt Skit

The skit is an interactive exercise for people to learn about and understand the history of how many third world countries got into debt. You will begin to understand how national Debt impacts the local population, the role of corporations, and the role of the IMF. This workshop can be a fun way to learn about these important issues.

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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The Drug War

What is the Drug War's impact on our country's already marginalized communities? How does the Drug War oppress women? African-Americans and Latinos? Poor people and people of modest means? What are more sensible, compassionate alternatives to the Drug War? Why must the Democratic Party become a leader in this struggle? This interactive workshop will attempt to address these questions and many others as we seek to end the War on Drugs.

Wheatley 10; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

Women's Voices Featuring Toni Blackman

Toni Blackman, MC, author of "Inner-Course" (Villard/Random House), founder of Freestyle Union and ADI, and the official Hip Hop Ambassador, will facilitate a discussion about the lyrical movement that is occurring within the music and culture. In this interactive workshop participants will explore ways to stay committed to artistic excellence, how to effectively incorporate social messages in one's rhymes and discuss the role of the MC within the context of hip-hop activism.

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Other

Active Arts Youth Conference

Youth Unite 2 Fight: Stories from Statewide Struggles

Youth resistance is statewide, but we are often unaware about others who are striving for justice in different areas. We are building with youth activists from across Massachusetts to increase our solidarity. Join youth from across New England and share snapshots, rhymes, spoken word, and stories about what youth are dealing with in various communities. We want to learn from each other about what has been going on to challenge injustice. Let's break isolation by networking and build on our strength. We hope to coordinate a youth contingent to go to the Republican National Convention protests in NYC and hook up with youth-led organizations there.

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Film Screening

BSF Film Series Peace

About Baghdad

Directed by Sinan Antoon, Bassam Haddad, Maya Mikdashi, Suzy Salamy, Adam Shapiro, 2004, 103 min. In July 2003, Sinan Antoon, an exiled Iraqi writer and poet, returns to Baghdad to see what has become of his city after wars, sanctions, decades of oppression, violence and now occupation, as told by the Iraqi people in their own voice. The film crew of five traveled throughout Baghdad to meet people from all walks of life and all social and ethnic groups. This documentary film is a snapshot of life in Baghdad and provides an important glimpse into the lives of a people under siege. *Discussion with director Sinan Antoon to follow*

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Lecture

Challenging Corporate Power Global Justice Peace

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Challenging Corporate Power IV: The War Profiteers

A look at the corporations that benefited from the Iraq War by the creator of the WarProfiteers website: <http://corpwatch.org/article.php?list=type&type=176> (see accompanying workshop and organizing session: What to do about the War Profiteers)

Wheatley 63; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

Challenging Corporate Power Democracy Movement Building

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From Slave State to Corporate State to a State of Denial (Challenging Corporate Power III)

A panel sponsored by the Center for Democracy & the Constitution (CDC) and the Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy (POCLAD) From colonial times to the present, people have struggled to wrest governing authority from the wealthy few--with some successes. Today's activists have organized unions, opposed war and nuclear power, passed environmental regulations and lobbied congress, supported civil liberties, and challenged global corporatization--and had some victories. So how is it that violence, inequity, environmental degradation, and corporate rule remain firmly entrenched in our society and world? Can we have a conversation, not about the issues themselves, but about longstanding patterns of single-issue defensive struggles? Join the panel in a discussion of historical and current forces that facilitate movement-building; explore an analytical and organizing framework for a rights-based activism that can connect people and issues in claiming our promised self-governance.

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

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Workshop
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Panel Discussion
Criminal Justice/Domestic Reprssi

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Panel Discussion
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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Panel Discussion
Democracy

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Climate Protection from the Grassroots: How to Do Climate Activism
Dr. Michael L. Charney is a psychiatrist, political activist, organizer and uncertified environmentalist, working to grow the climate protection movement in Massachusetts. Betting on the "Civil Society" solution - citizen action for greenhouse emissions reductions - Charney co-founded and co-chairs the Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN). The purpose of this group is to incite environmental learning and activism in metro-Boston and beyond. MCAN now has autonomous climate groups in 13 Massachusetts cities and towns, and representation from MassPIRG, Clean Water Action and Mass Energy. It sponsors lectures and conferences on climate change and solutions, and speaker training. It supports and critiques legislation, provides testimony at regulatory hearings, works for fuel efficient transportation, protests SUV's, and helps network and stimulate diverse climate activism at the local and state level. Dr. Charney will show you how to do Climate Change Activism in your community, by discussing the successful organizing tools and techniques that helped build MCAN.

Collateral damage
What happens to the children whose mothers are incarcerated? How do families function with a loved one behind bars? The animosities of the US criminal justice system not only occur behind bars but also within homes. The impact on families and friends of prisoners and the disruption of their life is another part to the real cost of incarceration. Join families and friends of prisoners and ex-prisoners in a conversation, where they share their experiences.

Live From Death Row...
Gov. Mitt Romney wants to bring the death penalty back to Massachusetts--despite all the evidence that the death penalty is racist. It targets the poor. It kills the innocent. And it needs to be ended across the US. In this forum, a death row prisoner will call in via speakerphone and talk to the audience live. Other speakers: Shujaa Graham, who spent 10 years on California death row for a crime he did not commit, Monique Matthews, sister of Ryan Matthews, an innocent man who was just released from Louisiana death row in June, Mike Stark, Maryland organizer for the Campaign to End the Death Penalty, and Robert Nave, Connecticut Network Against the Death Penalty. Come, join in and get involved. Together we can stop Mitt Romney and end the racist death penalty! Visit the Campaign to End the Death Penalty at www.nodeathpenalty.org.

Penal Abolition : The Inside Story
The plenary will feature three ex- prisoners Robert Dellelo, Kazi Toure and Tina Williams who founded the NPRA. Among other issues find out how the Walpole State Prison in 1973 was run by prisoners while the guards were on strike. This plenary will be facilitated by the Rev. Canon Edward Rodman, professor of pastoral theology and urban ministry at Episcopal Divinity School in Cambridge (Massachusetts). A long time anti-racism consultant in the church, he also serves as Canon Missioner for the Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts.

Prisoners are PEOPLE
All of Us or None is working to change the definition of public safety, so people recognize that public safety can only be assured with healthy communities. Public safety is guaranteed in communities where people have jobs, health care, housing and education. There is dire need to change the stigma attached to a past criminal record so people get help during their transition period especially with drug and alcohol rehabilitation. We are trying to change the language used when referring to people who have been in prison, rejecting words that dehumanize and objectify us, like "ex-offenders", "recidivist", "inmate" or "gang member". Instead, we are promoting language that affirms our primary identity as people- people on parole, people in prison, formerly- incarcerated people - bur first of all, PEOPLE. Join us in a conversation where we discuss all these issues.

Empowering the People by Creating a World Parliament and Global Democracy
Many organizations that have been working for a World Parliament and Global Democracy for years, came together at the World Social Forum in Mumbai this year to form a new Coalition effort. We will be holding a World Democracy Forum in Porto Alegre in 2005 to launch an international campaign and talk about how a World Parliament can play a key role in democratizing our global institutions and solving our global problems. We need to create an international rule of law and political processes that are directly accountable to the people. Join us in discussing how this might best be done; and tell us what you think the best structures and processes for it might be.

Improving the Tools of Democracy
Panel members will each provide a short synopsis of workshops to be presented separately and discuss the relationship of the following issues to democracy: --Electronic Voting Concerns and Analysis of easily viable options, including recently passed legislation which JIM HOGUE of Montpelier has helped spearhead; --Instant Run-off Voting and Redistricting Reform from PAM WILMOT and colleagues of Common Cause; --The centrality of focused Swing State Activism with EDWARD LOECHLER of BU. and Optimizing Grassroots Use of Technology which RICH COWAN of Organizers' Collaborative has developed and made easily available to entire grassroots community.

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

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Workshop
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Workshop
Democracy

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

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Panel Discussion
Economy Democracy Peace

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Workshop
Environment Democracy

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Post 9/11 Civil Liberties 101 -- How are you affected? What can you do about it?
with Nancy Murray, Director of the Bill of Rights Education Project, ACLU of Massachusetts. This interactive workshop will focus on the nuts and bolts of the USA PATRIOT Act and other government actions that undermine civil liberties, and describe their impact on actual people. Participants will receive a 50 page ACLU of Massachusetts' report, MASS IMPACT: The Domestic War Against Terrorism in Massachusetts: Are We On the Right Track?

What Does Democracy Mean To You?
Sally Mahe and Kathy Covert, authors of the new book, "A Greater Democracy Day By Day," will present a workshop that simply asks the question, "What Does Democracy Mean To You?" For some, democracy nowadays feels like an abstract notion. What's more, its discussion may even be taken as political agenda. Buried in confusion, shrouded in sentimentality, could democracy have lost its way?

Shifty Tax Cuts: How They Move the Tax Burden off the Rich and onto Everyone Else
The five major tax shifts in the last few decades: 1. from federal to state taxes 2. from progressive to regressive taxes 3. from taxing wealth to taxing work 4. from taxing corporations to taxing individuals 5. from taxing the current taxpayers to taxing future generations.

Socialism: The better world that's possible
Discussion of socialism and what it may look like in the United States, as well as what it would take to bring it into being.

A Real Education for a Change: CPCS—UMass/Boston's College for Social Justice
We will show how the curriculum of the College of Public and Community Service is organized to realize our activist, social justice mission. In particular, we'll focus on the content and how it is taught and learned in our competency-based system; opportunities for in-school and out-of-school learning and evaluation; and, examples of how we connect research and action for change. Organizers/Speakers: Connie Chan, Interim Dean; Diane Dujon, Director of Experiential Learning; Cuf Ferguson, Chair, CPCS Curriculum Council and Faculty, Human Services; Marilyn Frankenstein, Faculty, Quantitative Reasoning; Ismael Ramirez-Soto, Former Dean and Faculty, Legal Education; Jim Green, Founding Director, Labor Resource Center and Faculty, Labor Studies.

Separate but Unequal- the Resegregation of the Public Schools (not just in Boston)
With recent events in Boston and around the country there is a movement toward resegregating our schools. What will the impact be? This workshop will briefly address recent research showing these local and national trends, the history of desegregation, and the acknowledged reality of the public education crisis brought on by the growing achievement gap for children of color and low income. We will focus on potential solutions to these issues and create action steps for pro-action not just re-action for public education supporters and social justice advocates. Panelist: Steve Fernandes, Boston Public Schools and Erica Frankenberg, Harvard Civil Rights Project. Moderator: Mary Ann Hardenbergh, Massachusetts Coalition for Equitable Education.

Radioactive Depleted Uranium: In our communities, our nation and our world.
Tara Thornton, Executive Director, Military Toxics Project will provide background information and lead discussion about this too-little discussed hazardous material with a half life of billions of years, being un-necessarily spewn into areas of Massachusetts (Tier I Hazardous Waste Site in Concord, MA), into military testing grounds throughout the U.S. and on battlefields world wide. The format will be a brief introduction to DU, its health/enviro impact, local impact (Starmet), the national and international scene and world wide efforts to educate and BAN by International Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons (ICBUW). The audience will participate in an exercise. In addition there will be an exhibit on DU featuring local, national, international material prepared by Grassroots Actions for Peace of Concord, MA, GRAP; Military Toxics Project, MTP; and International Campaign to Ban Uranium Weapons that complements this workshop.

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Wheatley 56; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

*Faith
Global Justice
Democracy*

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TIKKUN: Caring for One Another's Well-Being: Economic and Social Justice

Traditional progressive politics supports the social and economic justice ideals such as universal health care, and an end to poverty, hunger, homelessness and discrimination. Yet, after decades of struggle in pursuing these ideals, we often feel as though we are still spinning our wheels. In this workshop, two speakers (TBA) will describe how a liberating spiritual politics can address these issues in terms of people's deep longing for social connection, mutual affirmation and common purpose. We will then explore in small-group discussions how we can address questions of social and economic justice on the basis not only of rights and benefits (though certainly including those), but also from our longing for loving connection. For example, in terms of health care, not only how to insure all of our bodies, but how to collectively manifest our care for each other's well-being.

Wheatley 55; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

*Faith
Economy
Global Justice*

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TIKKUN: The Globalization of Spirit: How religious communities can help build global democracy and sustainability

Erbin Crowell directs Equal Exchange's Interfaith Fair Trade Coffee program, working with 9000+ diverse religious congregations to build solidarity and markets for democratically run agricultural cooperatives in developing countries. Roger S. Gottlieb, Professor of Philosophy at Worcester Polytechnic Institute, is author of many books, including "Joining Hands: Politics and Religion Together for Social Change" and "A Spirituality of Resistance: Finding a Peaceful Heart and Protecting the Earth." They will discuss: * How are third world producers and first world consumers working together for global democracy and sustainability? * What distinct gifts are religious communities bringing to this struggle? * Could a spiritual vision shared by religious and non-religious activists strengthen this work? Workshop participants will then break into small groups to discuss the ideas raised and explore how to incorporate them into their own community life and political work.

McCormack 206; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

*Funding Our Movement
Media*

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Grassroots Fundraising 101

This workshop will be a lively presentation of key grassroots fundraising strategies and techniques, including internet fundraising, direct mail, individual solicitation, special events, and media.

McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Global Justice
Other Economies are Possible
Movement Building*

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Globalizing the Struggle in an Age of Empire - Part I

Part I of a two-part panel that concludes the Global Justice Track by connecting the global economy with people's lives in the US and abroad. Leaders of the global resistance will critically examine their movements' responses to imperialism, war, racism, today's immigration, poverty, and daily struggles for land, water, and jobs. Panelists will discuss difficulties their movements have encountered and how they've continued to overcome setbacks to achieve lasting change. They will then co-lead interactive breakout seminars on these topics with participants. Panelists include global justice movement leaders Walden Bello and Dennis Brutus, MST leader Paulo de Marck, Palestinian labor rights activist Ruba Eid, Women of Color in the Global Women's Strike founder Margaret Prescod, and Haitian popular movement leader Paul Altidor. This event is organized by the Massachusetts Global Justice Coalition. Find out about us at <http://www.bostonglobalaction.net>.

Wheatley 62; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Science & Technology
Other*

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Individual Privacy in Civil Society

We propose to discuss the centrality and erosion of individual privacy in civil society, particularly in the United States. The discussion will include a primer on what privacy is and how technology and bureaucracy have eroded both the reality of it and the general societal understanding of what it is. We will then break the large group into smaller table discussions on specific topics such as SPAM, identity theft, and the Patriot Act. Following table discussions, we will bring the group back together and open the floor for discussion. We hope attendees will share their personal stories and opinions about privacy issues. If the attendees are amenable to it, we may ask for short presentations by each group on their table issue. We hope to collaborate with other groups who deal with privacy-related issues, including the World Privacy Forum. We are pursuing partnerships with EPIC and the ACLU on this proposal, and are happy to collaborate on any other program proposal that touches on privacy-related issues. Privacy is intertwined with numerous issues relevant to the Boston Social Forum, including corporate globalization and privacy abuses that allow the proliferation of business conglomerates that disregard civil rights.

Science Center Lipke Auditorium; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Other

*Health
Movement Building
Immigration*

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A People's Tribunal: The U.S. Health Care System on Trial

Join community members, including persons who are homeless or disabled, veterans, women, immigrants, working poor, seniors, and health care providers, who will testify at this historic People's Tribunal as to how they are personally affected by the criminal negligence and failings of our current health care system. Not only are 44 million people completely uninsured in the richest nation in the world, but millions more are facing increasingly unaffordable co-pays and premiums, cannot buy the prescription drugs they need, and suffer the daily consequences of government cutbacks in basic programs and public health services. It is time to demand change. The tribunal will prosecute the corporate powers and government for their greed and irresponsibility which are the major causes of our health system failures. Come witness a panel of community leaders render a verdict and present alternatives for change. Add your voice to the jury's.

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

McCormack 433; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

Immigration

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Demographics and Immigration Trends in the Latino Community

A presentation of the study by the Mauricio Gaston Institute on Hondurans, Colombians, Guatemalans and Salvadorans with Professor Mirien Uriarte, and the Brazilian Immigrant Center will make a presentation about Brazilians in Massachusetts - victories and struggles of a young community. Will include discussion of how immigration can affect the political landscape.

Healey Library University Club; Floor: 11

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

International Peace Conference - A

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The Dangers of Nuclear War & The Imperative of Abolition

This conference has been organized by American Friends Service Committee, the European Network along with the U.S. Peace Council, MA Peace Action, Depleted Uranium Group, and Students in Youth. It will provide analysis of historical and current dangers of nuclear war, and organizing to prevent war and achieving abolition of nuclear weapons. We have a range of nationally and internationally recognized figures and eight workshops on a variety of subjects. These talks will include: The Dangers of Nuclear Weapons War, The NPT & Proliferation, U.S. Nuclear Weapons and War Policy/ New Nukes, Nuclear Weapons & the Militarization of Space, the Mayors Campaign, Preventing the Development & Deployment of New Nukes, and Student & Youth Organizing. Speakers will include: (see AFSC.org for bio descriptions.) Dr. Pervez Amirali Hoodbhoy (Pakistan) Randall Forsberg (US) Bruce Gagnon (US) Hiroshi TAKA (Japan) Aaron Tovish (US) Adam Miles (US) Dr. Alice Slater (US) Jessica Marshal (US)

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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The Practice of Hegemony & Its Consequences

The workshop entitled "The Practice of Hegemony & Its Consequences" will be conducted in conjunction with the U.S. Hegemony & Pre-Emptive War Conference, which is part of the larger "A World Working Together for Peace" track organized by the American Friends Service Committee, the European Network for Peace and Human Rights, and other organizations. Following the larger panel, this workshop will provide deeper exploration of the means by which the U.S. perpetuates hegemony and the repercussions which follow. Workshop leaders will provide a critical international perspective by speaking on those regions of the world where the various dimensions of U.S. hegemony are widely felt. Workshop speakers will include: Rachel Amran (Israel) - Machsom Watch and Coalition of Women for Just Peace in Israel Dr. Zia Mian (Pakistan) - Program on Science and Global Security, Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs Juan Antonio Blanco (Cuba) - Director for International Cooperation at Human Rights Internet

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The World Says No To War

Since 9/11, people across the U.S. globally have been crying that "War Is Not The Answer!" More than 10 million people demonstrated on the eve of the Bush Administration's invasion of Iraq, demonstrating that "the world's second superpower is international public opinion." The U.S. still at war in Iraq, Afghanistan, and Colombia; fighting overtly and covertly in sixty to eighty countries, and threatening attacks against Korea and Iran, And with John Kerry committed to sending more troops to Iraq and to "big stick" diplomacy the need to resist U.S. wars will remain an imperative for years to come. This conference brings together leading figures of the U.S. and global peace movements. They will describe their organizing and mobilizing, outline what needs to be done, and explore future collaborations. Speakers include: Amal Basha (Yemen): Lesley Cagan (U.S.) Tony Donaghey (US): Rep. Dennis Kucinich (U.S.): Nancy Lessen (U.S.): Molly Little: (U.S.) A.H. Nayyar (Pakistan): Agneta Norberg (Sweden): David Potorti (U.S.)

Healey Library Media Presentation Room 4; Floor:

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Peace of Mind: Coexistence Through the Eyes of Palestinian and Israeli Teens (57 min) documentary; Children of Shatila (47 min) documentary by Mai Masri

The first documentary film shot jointly by Israeli and Palestinian youth, Peace of Mind chronicles a year in their lives after they return home from an Israeli-Arab summer camp in the Maine woods. The camp is run by Seeds of Peace, an organization that brings young Israelis together with Palestinians and other Arab teenagers to build friendship and discuss ways to resolve the conflict between their peoples. Children of Shatila: Of the more than 350,000 Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, 15,000 of them abide in the Beirut refugee camp of Shatila, a camp that has survived massacre, siege and starvation. Through the eyes of two children who live there, Masri explores the Palestinian determination to keep family and dreams thriving in a landscape that has been sculpted by war, poverty, grief and displacement. (This work won Masri the Best Director award at the Arab Screen Film Festival in London.)

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Perspectives on Peace in Israel/Palestine

The Israeli/Palestinian tragedy remains one of the most intractable conflicts in the world. Despite decades of diplomacy, violence, and official and unofficial initiatives, a durable and just peace has eluded both Israelis and Palestinians. In this panel, we look behind the surface of the conflict to the deeper issues underlying the question of Palestine, and its relation to Israel. By weaving together Palestinian and Israeli voices, we seek a way out of the impasse, by engaging in an open, frank, and honest discussion of the prerequisites and obstacles to peace. Speakers include: Michael Tarazi, Legal Advisor to the Negotiations Affairs Department of the Palestine Liberation Organization Mazin Qumsiyeh, Co-founder of Al-Awda Right of Return Coalition Rachel Amram, Israeli peace activist, Coalition of Women for Peace Dani Vos, Israeli refusenik, Courage To Refuse Moderated by Naila Jirmanus & Abby Yanow Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

*Movement Building
Localization*

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1. Workshop on Community Planning

Community activists have gained great experience organizing for fair and affordable housing. Community by community, we work to improve the odds that public funds and oversight truly benefit the people living in communities. The movement building challenge lies with transforming these largely defensive struggles into a forward-looking, citywide transformation of the planning process itself. This workshop will explore how we can directly insert community-based knowledge of the issues facing working people, minority communities, the disabled and others in the face of pressures around gentrification, transportation, and business growth. Some particulars will include the practicalities of making planning a popular (mass) issue, how community strength can translate into citywide oversight, how to resolve differences that may exist in community perspectives and related issues, and what relationship democratic planning has to struggles for oppressed community rights generally. Panelists: Felix Arroyo or representative, and other community activists.

McCormack 207; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Other

*Movement Building
Other*

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Creating a Continental Congress

Zia Mian, Orin Langelle, Diane Jones, Dan Kinsey and Tim Anderson The Creating a Continental Congress (CCC) workshop will provide spaces to discuss and plan for action, even perhaps a very large action such as a Third Continental Congress in the US. The CCC is an opportunity to see how we now understand the methods and goals of democracy. We may discuss the contemporary crisis and the openings offered by a Continental Congress process. We may plan steps on how to get to a Third Continental Congress: local meetings, regional meetings, consensus, and structures of representation. We may begin writing a vision statement or declaration.

Wheatley 57; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)
Workshop

*Movement Building
Peace*

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What is White Privilege?

This is a workshop which will address and attempt to answer the question of what white privilege is and what it looks like. Some activities and discussions will be part of this workshop's process.

Wheatley 5; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Other Economies are Possible
Global Justice*

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Outsourcing: The Challenges of Corporate Globalization

For the first time, globalization is threatening most people's jobs. Almost anything that can be done on a computer terminal can be outsourced -- and if it isn't, the threat can still pull down your wages and working conditions. This panel will hear from outsourced workers, then discuss what the global economy could do to your job. Panelists include workers from countries on the other end of the outsourcing chain. (or) who are "taking our jobs." At the end we'll discuss a range of actions to create safety nets for laid-off workers, create new jobs, and raise wages around the world. Contact: Mike Prokosch, 617-423-2148x24

Wheatley 9; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Other Economies are Possible
Economy*

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Tapping Labor's Capital: Pension and Investment Funds and Job Creation

Labor unions control employee pension funds, and pension funds for public employees at the state and local level are even larger in scale. Can the labor movement and allied progressive groups proactively use these funds to create union jobs and support "high-road" local economic development? This panel will review existing union efforts at capital creation, availability of credit, start-up funding sources, targeted investment as well as expert technical advice and assistance around stage by stage learning of sustainable business development practices. Main Speakers: Joel Rogers, author and Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin, Center on Wisconsin Strategy, (Invited), Archon Fung, Professor of Public Policy, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University; Jeremy Brecher, Author, "Globalization from Below", Connecticut

Science Center 62; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

*Other Economies are Possible
Economy
Democracy*

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The Boundaries of Participation: Creating Real Democracy in Cooperatives

Cooperative and participatory economics rely heavily on the notion of group membership. Cooperatives often ask members to simultaneously assume the roles of worker, investor, manager, and activist. The distinction between members and non-members acquires a great deal of significance. Yet relatively little has been discussed about the social processes that influence membership in participatory economies. This workshop will make the case that membership-based cooperatives offer radical possibilities for creating real democracy. Nevertheless, the boundaries of participation can be a space where racism, sexism, and cultural prejudice operate systematically, and where poorly designed cooperatives can devolve into hierarchical firms. I will present a series of practices for cooperatives to avoid these problems, and use their membership boundary as a source of strength and solidarity.

McCormack Ryan Lounge; Floor: 3

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Other Economies are Possible
Economy*

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Workers' Empowerment and Workers' Entitlements -- Part 2

This plenary will explore and flesh out the link between levels of workers' economic empowerment (strength of bargaining power/labor rights) and levels of workers' social and economic entitlements (extent of safety net and benefits' coverage) in the US, selected countries of the EU. All appropriate links will be drawn between the strength/extent of coverage relative to each country and the respective systems of worker representation and collective bargaining. Main Speakers: Frances Fox Piven, Professor, CUNY, NYC; Guglielmo Epifani, Secretary General, CGIL, Rome; Anne-Marie Grozelier, Sociologist, Lazaire, Paris; Larry Mishel, President, EPI, Washington DC; Elaine Bernard, Harvard University, Cambridge; Horace Small, UMN, Boston; Pasqualino Colombaro, SEIU 509

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Wheatley 41; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Peace
Movement Building*

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Lecture

*Peace
Global Justice
Economy*

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

Peace

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Lecture

Peace

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Seminar

Peace

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

Science & Technology

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Seminar

*Strategic Non-Violence
Culture
Peace*

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Bring the Troops Home Now! Students Organizing Against the US Occupation of Iraq

Students have always played a vital role in organizing against war-- and since the US launched its wars on Afghanistan and Iraq, we've been an important part of the new anti-war movement. Where is the anti-war movement headed and how can we build a stronger activist network on our campuses? This meeting will feature a panel of student anti-war leaders and lots of time for brainstorming, discussion, and organizing. Speakers: 1) Khury Peterson Smith is a student activist in Rochester, NY, a member of the Campus Antiwar Network and the International Socialist Organization. Khury recently went with a peace delegation to Iraq. 2) Michael Hoffmann - Michael is an Ex-Marine, Veteran of the Iraq war, and a member of Veterans for Peace. 3) Omar Antar is member of the Muslim Student Association. 4) Emily Goldstein is on the Coordinating Committee for the Campus Antiwar Network. Visit us at www.campusantiwar.net

Pipeline Politics: How Oil has shaped U.S. Foreign Policy in the Middle East

With maps of the Middle East (shown with overhead projector), CHARLOTTE DENNETT will reveal how military protection of oil pipelines in the Middle East, from World War I to the present, has had a profound influence on US diplomatic and wartime initiatives in the region. Ms Dennett's interest grew out of her investigation into the death of her father, the US cultural attache posted in Beirut during WWII. His last mission was to Saudi Arabia to help chart the course of the trans-Arabian pipeline from the Gulf to the eastern Mediterranean, with possible terminal points in Lebanon or Palestine. He and 5 other Americans working for US gov. died in a plane crash under mysterious circumstances. The background is fascinating and gives a whole new perspective on the Middle East conflict.

Step by Step: Slides & Stories of Buddhist Peace Walks

Amidst mounting global tensions in the past half century, a small order of Japanese Buddhist monks and nuns have taken their activist prayers to streets and highways all over the world. Join a photographer and writer on four of many dramatic journeys with the Nipponzan Myohoji order: to Wounded Knee (1990), from Auschwitz to Hiroshima (1995), retracing the African slave trade (1998), and carrying the Hiroshima flame to the World Trade Center (2002). Wonderful photographs, engaging stories, and a chance to explore a unique spiritual, inclusive, and transformative way to work for peace. presenters: Skip Schiel -- photographer, educator, and Quaker activist; Louise Dunlap -- activist writer and educator with a Buddhist practice

The Effects of the Occupation in Gaza and the West Bank

I lived in Cairo and Jerusalem for nearly ten years, and visited Beirut-Amman-Jerusalem again with other church people in January 2004. I will share perspectives not usually seen in the Washington Post -- from our visits with the U.S. ambassador to Lebanon, the foreign minister of Jordan, the Latin Catholic Patriarch of Jerusalem, the head of Israel's Religious Affairs Bureau. My focus will be on the effects of the occupation in Gaza and the West Bank, and on the wall being built on the West Bank.

War Against Iraq and War at Home - Antiwar Organizing in the Latin American community

US policy in Latin America is directed toward controlling the political life and economies of this region. Hundreds of thousands have been killed in wars in Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Colombia, and other Latin American countries carrying out this policy. The occupation of Iraq is widely viewed by Latin Americans as another war of this kind. The "War on Terror" is the leading edge of an assault on the lives, living conditions, and human rights of workers and their families worldwide. A war which serves to attack our unions and terrorize our immigrant community. Many thousands of immigrants have been picked up, held with little or no access to lawyers or families, deported, or held indefinitely. Join us for a PowerPoint presentation and discussion of the War, the response of the immigrant community in Chelsea, MA and the potential for broadening the antiwar movement. Join us and share ideas. presenter: Chelsea Uniting Against The War

Technology for Living

This workshop presents the use of sustainable technologies aimed at improving the standard of living for communities. Panelists will discuss initiatives and methodologies used to develop appropriate technologies. They will also present design solutions that were created collaboratively with technologists and adversely affected communities. There will also be time for the audience to view and test out inventions.

Culture of War; Culture of Resistance

Is an anti-violence consensus possible in America? The current invasion and occupation of Iraq provides a catalyst for critical dialogue in the United States on the issues of militarism, violence, and the drive for global hegemony and the control of resources that characterize current US foreign policy. This seminar will explore the roots of the war system, as well as the culture of violence and economic hegemony that underpins it. It will also address the essential task of building a movement of popular resistance to the forces of corporate globalization and the "war against terrorism". Ibrahim Ramey, seminar presenter, directs the Peace and Disarmament program of the national Fellowship of Reconciliation, and has recently returned from Iraq and Mumbai, India

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Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Lecture

*Strategic Non-Violence
Peace
Global Justice*

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NonViolent Strategies Against Oppression

The 20th Century saw many oppressive regimes overthrown by massive nonviolent popular action. 21st Century prospects will be discussed. Stephen Zunes, chair, Peace & Justice Studies, Univ of San Francisco; principal editor, Nonviolent Social Movements.

McCormack 210; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

*Strategic Non-Violence
Peace
Culture*

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What Do You Say When You Don't Agree: How to Have Influence Instead of Argument

A skill-based workshop with demonstration of how to turn an argument into an open exploration of differences. Participants will learn and practice how to stand their ground and create understanding using communication skills. In the end respect, curiosity, and understanding have more influence than facts and ideas.

McCormack 208; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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Running Winning Campaigns: Campaign Strategy and Planning

Have you been trying to create change at your school and not gotten very far? Do you want to create real, concrete change and come up with a plan for getting there? This workshop will go over how to strategically choose, plan, and execute a campaign so that you can accomplish what you set out to do. Topics covered include: Choosing a campaign, filling out the campaign strategy chart, and drafting a timeline.

Wheatley 60; Floor: 1

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Water
Water
Water*

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Pumping for Profit: Bottled and Bulk Water

Water scarcity, widespread contamination, and a massive marketing push has led to a ballooning bottled water market and more efforts to transfer large quantities of water out of watersheds and into mostly arid urban areas. What are the ethical implications for this kind of water distribution? Who is calling the shots? Does your community have control of your water and is it safe from Nestle? Or US Filter? Or Bechtel? Expect spirited presentations by Annette Smith (Vermonters for a Clean Environment), Holly Wren Spaulding (Sweetwater Alliance), Olivia Zink (Save Our Groundwater), and Hiroshi Kanno (Concerned Citizens of Newport). Session chair: Nancy Price (Alliance for Democracy).

Wheatley 200; Floor: 2

Events VI (Saturday 3:30-5:30)

Panel Discussion

*Water
Global Justice
Water*

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Trading Away Our Water: (WTO, FTAA, NAFTA, IMF, WB)

The United Nations declared in 2002 that "The human right to drinking water is fundamental to life and health." In practice, international trade agreements and the policies of institutions like the WTO, IMF, and World Bank reject this claim and increasingly are being used to commodify this most precious natural resource. Panelists, Ruth Caplan from Alliance for Democracy, Maj Fiil Flynn from Public Citizen, and Ruth Herrera from Nicaragua Consumers Defense Network, will discuss how these agreements and policies are being used to grant corporations more rights to our water by allowing them to take over municipal water systems and by granting them access to water for bulk and bottled water sales. A follow-up workshop will serve as an interactive session to discuss these topics further.

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Workshop

*Women's Web/Feminist Agenda
Media*

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Women's Activist Training: Getting the Media's Attention from High Profile Actions to PR Basics and Messaging

CODEPINK: Women for Peace, has captured headlines in media outlets throughout the United States for its creative and witty tactics--from delivering "pink slips" (women's lingerie) to war mongers like Donald Rumsfeld, to presenting pink badges of courage to peace advocates like Congresswoman Barbara Lee. Learn how you can take CODEPINK's tactics back to your own organizations and get media attention for the issues you care about. This workshop will cover everything you need to know about getting the media's attention, including the basics of public relations, messaging, high profile actions, and using the power of pink. Trainers Gael Murphy, Medea Benjamin and Jodie Evans are the co-founders of CODEPINK.

5:30pm - 7:30pm

McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2

5:30pm - 7:30pm

Panel Discussion

Global Justice

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Globalizing the Struggle in an Age of Empire -- Part II

Part II of a two-part panel that concludes the Global Justice Track by connecting the global economy with people's lives in the US and abroad. Leaders of the global resistance will critically examine their movements' responses to imperialism, war, racism, today's immigration, poverty, and daily struggles for land, water, and jobs. Panelists will discuss difficulties their movements have encountered and how they've continued to overcome setbacks to achieve lasting change. They will then co-lead interactive breakout seminars on these topics with participants. Panelists include global justice movement leaders Walden Bello and Dennis Brutus, MST leader Paulo de Marck, Palestinian labor rights activist Hasan Barghouthi and Haitian popular movement leader Paul Altidor.

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Wheatley 19; Floor: 1

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Workshop

Active Arts Youth Conference

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Film Screening

*BSF Film Series
Movement Building
Women's Web/Feminist Agenda*

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**Wheatley Snowden Auditorium;
Floor: 1**

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Film Screening

*BSF Film Series
Global Justice
Water*

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Approaching Opportunities: Entering Online Journalism, The Urban Music Perspective.

The workshop regards placing value on "invisible" opportunities. What do I mean by invisible? Using your instincts to approach opportunities disguised and realizing that they will not surface until you "create" them. I will discuss how I engaged in a one-on-one interview with the legendary hip-hop artist KRS One, and how our encounter turned into a journalism profession for urban online platforms. I saw an opportunity to "ask" the kind of questions that would help me sustain a career as a writer. Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

Music Videos and Media Literacy

Participants will explore the images of past and current music videos, learn to deconstruct video production elements and become more critical as viewers and consumers of this genre of production. The workshop will include discussion and demonstration of music video imagery, lyrical content and socio-political content with an eye toward creating new concepts for creative and socio-cultural expression. Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

Selling Life, Love and the Pursuit of Happiness: Hip Hop and Marketing

What do Nike, Sprite, McDonald's and other mega-retail companies have in common? They all use Hip Hop to sell their product to the best consumers in America...our Youth! So we're going to take it higher in this workshop and see how Hip Hop can "sell" positive change. We will look at Hip Hop's success in product marketing and explore its transferability to social marketing and the construction of beliefs and behaviors that will support social change. Participants will learn how to craft compelling messages that active people to positive action for positive change. Workshop Facilitated by Project: Think Different

Sexism

Gender is one of the main methods for separating and classifying people. This workshop will look into the intersections of racism and sexism and how they play out in music and hip-hop culture, and to discover ways to value the cultural contributions of all people, regardless of gender.

Youth & Free Trade

How do we, as youth, understand issues like the Central America Free Trade agreements (CAFTA) and NAFTA? Knowing some of the damage of these agreements coming from our government, what is our responsibility in the U.S. to deal with these issues? How are we already connected to other youth here and in other countries that these agreements affect? What work have youth already done around these issues? What more work needs to be done? We welcome all young people who are interested in any of these issues, have been working with El Salvador, on Free Trade, or in other solidarity work. Let's strengthen our connections with each other by sharing our own experiences and ideas about youth organizing and economic, political, and social justice.

Bus Riders Union

Bus Riders Union, a feature length documentary by Academy Award cinematographer Haskell Wexler and award-winning director/editor Johanna Demetrakas, traces three years in the life of one of the nation's most dynamic social movements. The film follows the Los Angeles Bus Riders Union as it forges a powerful multiracial movement to fight transit racism, clean up LA's auto pollution, and win billion-dollar victories. "...electrifying masterpiece...activists possess a new quality. They are clever, witty, endlessly sarcastic, with truckloads of emotion for each other and their cause." LA Independent, Feb. 9, 2000 *Discussion with organizers from the Bus Riders Union following the film.*

Words on Water

Produced by Sanjay Kak, 85 mins., English subtitles, 2002 A film that explores the struggle of the people of the Narmada Valley against the big dams that threaten to submerge their lands and displace them from their homes, traditions and cultures. The center of the film is the Narmada Bachao Andolan people's movement and its dedication to non-violent and democratic means of resistance. The tireless efforts of the activists and the Indian governments's growing impatience with these (completely peaceful and legal) protests are the opposing poles that give the film its internal dynamic.

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Wheatley 61; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Challenging Corporate Power
Democracy*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Panel Discussion

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

Culture

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Seminar

*Culture
Economy
Science & Technology*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Panel Discussion

Democracy

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Democracy
Movement Building*

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From Slave State to Corporate State to a State of Denial - the Workshop

Activists have been organizing around issues for decades, and we know how to do it. But does it get us what we need and want? With all of our victories, why are wealth and empire-building exerting more power than ever before? This workshop will explore the rights-based organizing model evolving in Pennsylvania -- where communities, threatened by corporate assaults, shift their efforts from the corporate-driven regulatory arena to the powerful arena of people's sovereignty.

Challenging Homeland Repression: A National Strategy Forum; PART I: THE MIAMI MODEL

A new model of domestic repression is emerging in the US aimed at limiting mass protest and cracking down on all forms of dissent. Culminating during the Miami/FTAA protests last November, this model (often called the 'Miami Model') confronts us with a new machinery of violence and disinformation that appears destined for widespread application across the US. This rapidly developing model employs the militarization of police, false and/or preemptive arrests, surveillance and infiltration, the use of experimental, electronic and chemical weaponry, armored vehicles patrolling the streets, unconstitutional legal procedures and federal funding mechanisms all bolstered by a sophisticated set of media manipulation strategies. Come hear what you can do to prevent this model from growing further. The discussion will take place in two parts

Creating a Better World: Learning to Avoid the Pitfalls on the Path

We seek to create a more just, loving, creative and free world. Sometimes this will feel easy and fun, but other times we, or the people we are working with, may feel stuck, confused, overwhelmed or hurt and not know why. Or things may not work out in unpleasantly surprising ways as we fumble our way towards a better world. These are signs we've fallen into a trap along the way. We may not see these traps because we all have blind spots. And there are moments where we fail to act on our values. Or we can act out dysfunctional or hurtful patterns of behavior we learned in our youth without even realizing it, making us part of the problem even when we have the best of intentions. Learning to stay on the path and avoid the pitfalls is not always easy! This interactive workshop will provide you with a powerful language and a framework for avoiding these traps and getting out when you get stuck. We will make connections to the challenges you are facing NOW and give you some practical tools to help you stay true to your dreams in a broken and topsy-turvy world.

Fair Trade Music

Use of the Internet for 'fair trade' e-commerce has created a powerful cultural shift in the music industry. The traditional structure has been based on a vertical axis in which producers and distributors sit at the top with all of the power and the musicians and music fans are at the bottom. With the growth of Internet use and music file-sharing, this axis has shifted horizontally with musicians and music fans on more level ground with producers and distributors. Like shade grown, organic coffee that renews the soil, supports village economies, and transforms the coffee plantation into a renewable resource -- 'Fair Trade' Music offers the opportunity to develop sustainable local economies in music cultures throughout the world. The 'Fair Trade' Music model also provides new sources of revenue for the non-profit public media that features independent music. This new 'fair trade' model is a catalyst for change in global trade that provides for a more equitable distribution of wealth. We'll explore many working examples for independent labels and artists. Brad Powell is the founder and President of CalabashMusic.com an online world music download business that has established a 'fair trade music' business model for independent music.

Advances In Democracy In Other Countries DEMOCRACY PANEL II. Covering South Korea by Kim and Equador by Tarbell

A power point presentation depicting impacts of globalization and the successes of a grassroots response by Tarbell. Hyun Sook Lee Kim of S. Korea. will describe the peaceful "regime change" in her country when the People'sSolidarity for Participatory Democracy came into power through the election process.

Building a New Movement for Civil Liberties and Civil Rights

How have more than 330 cities and towns across the country and 45 in Massachusetts organized to pass resolutions in support of civil liberties and against parts of the USA PATRIOT Act? How can you create a resolution campaign in your community? What else can people do to build a new movement for civil liberties and civil rights across the nation? With Damon Moglen, National Field Coordinator of the ACLU; and Marilyn Levin, Civil Liberties Task Force of the ACLU of Massachusetts.

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Panel Discussion

Democracy

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Panel Discussion

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

Environment

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Faith
Economy*

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Historical Context of Democracy in the U.S. DEMOCRACY PANEL A (2hours)

Alex Keyssar, Harvard U., Charles Derber of Weidner U, Nancy Murray, ACLU and Representative Dennis Kucinich, moderated by Nancy Price, Co-chair of Alliance for Democracy, will analyze several myths about the nature of American democracy, including: the notion that we were a democratic nation beginning early in our history, the idea that all Americans have embraced democratic values and that our electoral institutions were designed to give expression to the popular will. Other components: --Vision of founders & their concerns about concentrations of corporate power --The up-hill struggle i.e. thru the populist's era and FDR -- Bill of Rights as a tangible --The status and challenge today

Free Public Higher Education Time Has Come

We will discuss the trends of higher education financing over the last 50 years including the reduction in federal financial, and the historical precedents for free public higher education. We will also explore the current experience of students attempting to afford public higher education and the right's attempt to privatize and corporatize public and private education. We'll argue the need for bold initiatives by the left and progressives in this conservative political context and discuss why the Debs-Jones-Douglas Institute and the Labor Party's campaign for free public higher education is an answer to what the left needs today. Organizer: Preston Smith--National Co-coordinator, Free Higher Education Campaign; Labor Party, Interim National Committee; and, Director, Community-based Learning and Faculty, Politics and African-American Studies, Mount Holyoke College.

Privatizing Public Education: A Worst Case Scenario

Privatization efforts like charter schools run by for-profit companies may in the end pose a greater threat to our system of public education than the Christian Right, which has successfully challenged the very core of public education with the use of "stealth" school committee candidates, support for school vouchers, and the censorship of sexuality education and science curricula. Come prepared to discuss how the privatization movement has gained support, why charter schools are so threatening, and what we can do about it. Panelists: Paul Dunphy, Citizens for Public Schools; Ty Depass, Education Activist and Graduate Student, Boston College. Moderator: Pam Chamberlain, Political Research Associates

Protecting the Rights of English Language Learners and Advocating for the Value of Bilingual and Multicultural Education

We will focus on understanding the needs of language minority students and English language learners and discuss how to challenge the "English-only" movement. Panelists: Berta Berriz, Boston Public Schools, Margaret Adams, MATSOL and Brockton Public Schools Moderator: Tom Louie, Political Research Associates and Mass English Plus Coalition

Community Organizing for Environmental Change

Eric Mann, Labor and Community Strategy Center, Susan Whalen, Alliance for a Healthy Tomorrow, Will Everitt and Jay Rasku, Toxics Action Center, Meg Winchell, Global Classrooms, Brad Hyson and Bekah Greenwald, Apeiron Institute Earth Charter will address the power of community groups in correcting environmental abuses and proposing innovative solutions, looking specifically at air pollution, environmental toxins, eco-friendly housing and vehicles and environmental education.

Resisting Genetic Engineering

Genetic engineering and other biotechnologies are dramatically furthering corporate domination of our food and health care. This will be a discussion-oriented workshop with presenters, Brian Tokar (Institute for Social Ecology) and Jen Brock (Genetic Engineering Action Network). We will explore the growing worldwide opposition to genetic engineering, the nature of GE hazards, the corporate players, and their ties to global institutions like the World Bank and WTO. We will discuss some of the specific ways communities across New England and around the world are organizing to resist GE and promote alternatives, and develop ideas to strengthen and broaden this opposition.

Applied Quaker Process on Globalization

Quakers have developed a way of working with complex issues toward clarity about personal and corporate responsibility, as a guide to action. This workshop will be an opportunity to practice the Quaker method of discussion using queries as a tool for discernment. We will use a set of queries about the global economy and its impact on the health of our planet, developed in June 2003 at a Quaker Eco-Witness gathering. Be prepared for some silence...it's part of the method.

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Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

GLBT track

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*GLBT track
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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Other*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Massachusetts Budget Crisis

Workshop examines the impact of the right wing financial agenda on the poor/middle income and social services, in MA.

How you and your organizations can support equal marriage rights for same-sex couples

Earlier this year, Massachusetts became the first state in the Union to end discrimination against same-sex couples in marriage licensing. Unfortunately, equal marriage rights for same-sex couples may have a short life if radical religious and social groups get their way. The work for marriage equality continues. We are preparing to defend equality in the next legislative session and at the ballot box if necessary. Find out how you can work within your community to preserve equal marriage rights and to defeat the mean-spirited attempts to undermine Massachusetts' historic accomplishment. From collecting signatures on postcards to legislators to taking a leadership role in statewide initiatives, now is the time for you and your organization to work for the civil rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgendered people.

Strengthening our communities and ourselves: working to end abuse in LGBTIQ relationships and sexual assault against our communities.

This workshop will present an overview for LGBTIQ communities to understand what is a healthy relationship vs. power, control, and abuse in relationships. How sexual assault is an act of violence and used as a weapon of oppression. Understanding the fears of disclosing partner abuse or sexual assault. Minimizing abuse/assault because it may confirm negative stereotypes of communities. Combined with the belief that "among our own" or within our communities we are safest, often makes it difficult for community acknowledgement and accountability of domestic abuse and sexual assault. This leaves those who are abused with few options for safety and community support. We will address ways for community members to support survivors and speak out against domestic abuse and sexual assault through a combination of presentation and discussion.

Introduction to Democratic Socialism

Introduction to Democratic Socialism with Susan Dorazio, convenor of the Socialist Party Women's Commission, Greg Pason, national secretary of the Socialist Party, and Matt Andrews, national committee of the Young Peoples Socialist League

Countering the Militarization of Youth

The same way that alcohol and tobacco companies target low income and youth of color, the so too does the military to enlist them in a poverty draft. We'll explore various facets of youth militarization: from war toys, to jingoistic curricula, to the alphabet soup of various devices military recruiters use to pitch their deadly message: MGIB, DEP, NCLB, ASVAB, JROTC, MRV. If you don't yet know what these mean, you will by the time the workshop's over. We'll discuss the realities of military life, countering recruiters' tactics, and winning equal access for advocates of peace. The military reaches every community and school in our country. Organizing to promote nonviolent alternatives is useful way of challenging what Martin Luther King referred to as the giant triplets, "racism, militarism, and materialism" in our own neighborhoods, and help prevent the next generation from being sent to kill and die. Speakers to be announced.

Educating and Organizing for Peace Within Organized Labor

In Europe and many parts of the world, organized labor plays leading roles in their nations' peace movements as part of their struggles to defend the rights and to assure the security of working people. This has been the exception rather than the rule in U.S. unions. But, the U.S. invasion and occupation of Iraq have led increasing numbers of U.S. labor activists to educate and to organize for peace within their unions. This workshop is part of AFSC's and the European Network for Peace and Human Rights' conference. It will provide a forum for progressive U.S. and international labor activists to learn from one another by sharing information, analyzing their efforts, and exploring possible future collaborations. Speakers and resource people will include: George Atwood...Bakers Union (Britain) (Names of Maritime & Transport union members coming to the conference) (Britain) Others to be announced

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Workshop

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Film Screening

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Empire in Korea & North East Asia: Dangers of War and Hopes For Peace

The workshop entitled "Empire in Korea and North East Asia: Policies, Practices & Alternatives" will be conducted in conjunction with the U.S. Hegemony & Pre-Emptive War Conference, which is part of the larger "A World Working Together for Peace" track organized by the American Friends Service Committee, the European Network for Peace and Human Rights, as well as the Peace Island Foundation and the Boston Korea Friendship Association. This workshop will focus on the political and security dynamics in Korea and North East Asia. It will explore the increasing dangers of, and alternatives to, a second Korean War, Japan's role as Washington's junior partner and a growing military power, and the continuing U.S. pursuit of dominance over China and Russia. Workshop speakers will include: George Katsiaficas (U.S.) - Professor of Humanities and Social Sciences at Wentworth Institute of Technology in Boston, MA --Dr. Ahn Byoung-Sun - Peace Activist & Feminist in Seoul --Gyung-Lang Jung (Korea) - Chairperson of the Committee for International Solidarity of Women Making Peace in Korea --Min Huoung Song (U.S.) - Boston Korea Friendship Association --Leading Figures from the Japanese Peace Movement TBA.

Nuclear Weapons Victims/ Resisters: Utah Downwinders & Hibakusha

The effects of Far-Reaching Exposure to Fallout from Nuclear Testing are not limited to peoples far away, but can be seen right here in the states - there are deaths and illnesses in tens of thousands of people throughout our own country. No forewarning was given to Americans in the 1950's when testing began nor was any give later. This workshop seeks to expose the horrible consequences of this type of testing, as well as explain the current issues, especially those dealing with the reestablishment of nuclear testing that President Bush is seeking. Treaties were signed to prevent the development and testing of these weapons, yet current administration is attempting to forge ahead regardless. It will be hosted in cooperation with Utah Downwinders who hope to raise awareness, "It's not too late to protect Americans from another wave of radioactive fallout." - Workshop leaders will include: Laura Bonham -Speakers to be announced

Organizing for the NPT Review Conference & The Mayors Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament

Primarily facilitated by Aaron Tovish this workshop focuses on global Nuclear Disarmament, the NPT, and brings to light the Mayors Campaign - an international coalition on Mayors working to further the abolition of all nuclear weapons world wide. - Speakers include: Aaron Tovish (U.S.) Hiroshi Taka (Japan) Alice Slater. (U.S.) Others to be announced

Organizing to Prevent Development & Deployment of New Nuclear Weapons and Nuclearization and Weaponization of Space

This workshop, a mix of anti-nuclearization & deployment as well as anti-Nuclearization and Weaponization of Space is a part of the AFSC-European Network "A World Working Together For Peace" conference. It explores the threats posed by the development of these weapons. It will describe grassroots and legislative campaign that has been launched to oppose funding for these programs and ways that people can become involved. It will also bring to light how the U.S., in order to "control and dominate" the planet to benefit multi-national corporations is developing and deploying space weapons that will "deny" other nations access to space. As well as to describe the work of the Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space.. This workshop This workshop is part of the AFSC-European Network "A World Working Together For Peace" conference and will be led by Bruce Gagnon and Adam Miles

Student/ Youth Organizing For Nuclear Weapons Abolition

Within a few years, the third "nuclear" generation will be assuming leadership in the global struggle to prevent nuclear cataclysms and to abolish the world's nuclear arsenals. This organizing workshop will focus on ways to build nuclear consciousness among youth and students. It will also explore ways that youth and students can take on greater responsibility for nuclear disarmament and abolition organizing, resistance to universities' complicity in preparations for nuclear war-fighting. This workshop is part of the AFSC-European Network "A World Working Together For Peace" conference - Workshop leaders will include: Jason Fults Michael Coffey, Nuclear Age Peace Foundation Michael Cox, CA Student Sustainability Coalition Jason Fults Jessica Marshal National Youth and Student Peace Coalition

Frontiers of Dreams and Fears (56 min) documentary by Mai Masri

Masri traces the delicate friendship that evolves between two Palestinian girls: Mona, a resident of the economically marginalized Beirut refugee camp and Manar, an occupant of Bethlehem's Al-Dheisha camp under Israeli control. The two girls begin and continue their relationship through letters until they are finally given the opportunity to meet at the border during the Israeli withdrawal from South Lebanon. When the intifada suddenly erupts around them, both girls face heart-breaking changes in their lives.

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

McCormack Cafeteria; Floor: 3

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)
Panel Discussion

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Jewish American Medical Project (JAMP)

(JAMP) is an effort sponsored by several organizations within the Jewish peace movement in the United States. We aim to use our identification as health care workers and as American Jews to broaden the discourse and level of tolerance within the U.S. by humanizing the victims on all sides of the conflict. We provide medical aid to Palestinians living under Occupation; document the impact of militarization on both Palestinian and Israeli populations; educate the general public and its political representatives about the impact of Occupation on the health and welfare of the affected populations; and support and promote the work of our partner organizations, Physicians for Human Rights-Israel and the Union of Palestinian Medical Relief Committees. The speakers Howard B. Lenow, Esq. Lenow & McCarthy (union-side labor law firm); and Alan Meyers, MD, MPH Associate Professor of Pediatrics, Boston University are members of Visions of Peace with Justice in Israel/Palestine.

McCormack 417; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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The Double Helix: Approaches toward a Joint Israeli and Palestinian Narrative

A conversation with Israeli social psychologist, Dan Bar On. In an engaging workshop, social psychologist Dan Bar On of Ben Gurion University in Tel Aviv discusses his research and pioneering work concerning the concept and reality of the "Other" among Palestinians and Israelis, and the attempts to bridge the gap between the two historical narratives. Through the methods of storytelling and dialogue between parties in conflict, Professor Bar-On puts a special emphasis on the displacement of aggression, and the process of peace building (bottom-up), versus peace making (top-down). Dan Bar On was born in 1938 in Haifa to parents of German descent. He completed his M.A. in psychology in 1975, and in 1985 launched pioneering field research in Germany, studying the psychological after-effects of the Holocaust on the children of the perpetrators. He is currently a Professor of Psychology at the Department of Behavioral Sciences at Ben-Gurion University, and the co-director of PRIME (Peace Research Institute in the Middle East) near Beit Jala, PNA, together with Professor Sami Adwan of Bethlehem University.

McCormack 420; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Localization
Other
Peace*

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Practical Network Building in Southeastern New England

Recognizing the need for building clear, open communication and networks through which to amplify all of our efforts, American Friends Service Committee in Southeastern New England is pleased to offer: A facilitated networking session intended to bring together BSF participants from Southeastern New England for brainstorming and discussion around collaboration and communication in the future. Activists and interested parties from throughout SE Massachusetts, Rhode Island, and surrounding region are enthusiastically invited to attend. While convened by AFSC Southeastern New England, participants are invited to contribute and bring any experiences or issues on which their organization is working. A primary goal of the session will be to leave with ideas about possible future collaborations, as well as for participants to get a sense of what's happening on issues outside of their usual focus. A contact list will be produced and distributed to willing participants to assist in future work.

Wheatley 31; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)
Panel Discussion

*Localization
Economy
Democracy*

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Self-Reliant Cities in a Global Era

How can a city become self-reliant? City business, finance, and government are complexly related within cities and with state, national, and even international agencies and institutions—public and private. This panel will discuss current conditions, trends, and changes that local people need to make to reshape their economic and political systems for greater self-reliance and sustainability. Panelists: Stacy Mitchell (Institute for Local Self-Reliance) Gus Newport (Institute for Community Economics) Michael Shuman (author: "Going Local"; Inst. for Economic Empowerment & Entrepreneurship) Sandra Waddock (Boston College—Management; corporate citizenship, leadership for change)

Healey Library Media Auditorium - LL-135; Floor:

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Lecture

*Media
Democracy*

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The Exception to the Rulers: Exposing Oily Politicians, War Profiteers, and the Media That Love Them

Internationally acclaimed journalist Amy Goodman—host of the national daily radio/TV program Democracy Now!—expands on her first book "The Exception to the Rulers." Goodman describes "the responsibility of a journalist: giving a voice to those who have been forgotten, forsaken, and beaten down by the powerful. It is the best reason I know to carry our pens, cameras and microphones into our own communities and out to the wider world." Bring "Democracy Now!" to your town, write outreach@democracynow.org. Keep "Democracy Now!" in Boston, write news@wzbc.org.

Healey Library Media Presenten Room 3; Floor:

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)
Panel Discussion

*Media
Democracy*

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The Myth of a Free Press

Why building new media amid the decline of the old is crucial to democracy. Many leading professional journalists can detail personal accounts of the corporate press marginalizing their most challenging reports. From advertiser influence to reporters self-censoring, how co-opted is the Fourth Estate by concentrated corporate or government power? Presenters include: Kristina Borjesson, Emmy & Murrow Award-winning investigative reporter, editor of "Into the Buzzsaw: Leading Journalists Expose the Myth of a Free Press"

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Wheatley 4; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

Movement Building

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Movement Building: Creating a Shared Infrastructure and Worldview

We need to do "movement building" because the left and progressive movements in this state are fragmented and divided. As a result, we are less than the sum of our parts. Statewide organizations often lack significant membership bases, or have only limited ability to mobilize them. Many are overwhelmingly white, with little or no effective relationships with communities of color or their organizations and issues. Local community organizations have their own sets of problems. Some practical issues to be discussed: Building bridges between statewide and local groups through district organizing and joint electoral work; worldview and popular education; capacity building and membership mobilization; the critical role of communities of color. Panelists: Guillermo Quinteros, Commonwealth Coalition; Gibran X. Rivera, MassVote; Brian Corr, Northeast Action; representatives of community based organizations.

Wheatley 57; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Other Economies are Possible
Health
Movement Building*

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Building Labor-Community Coalitions for Health Care Reform

The June 19 "Bridge the Gap" events showed our potential to mobilize. How is health care an issue that is also a race, gender, and class issue? For instance, how can we mobilize around health care in a way that addresses, at the same time, the gender and racial gap in the health care system? How does the health care system perpetuate the power and control of the dominant elite? What are effective strategies for a broad based coalition around health care as a social and economic justice issue? Sponsored by Jobs With Justice and SEIU.

McCormack Ryan Lounge; Floor: 3

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)
Other

*Other Economies are Possible
Economy*

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Creating Good Jobs. (Building Labor Capacity)

Governments possess the tools to promote full employment in decent, well-compensated jobs. But pressure from the IMF, Wall Street and conservative business leaders prevents them from pursuing these goals. In order to have new jobs new, "quality" economic relations are needed between producers/providers of new services and products on the one hand and their consumers on the other. This panel will look at what we could be doing today to promote real economic development and how activists can push for economic policies that generate good jobs. Main Speakers: John Miller, Professor, Wheaton College; Giacomo Barbieri, International Department of the CGIL; Ellen Frank, Senior Economist at the Poverty Institute at Rhode Island College; Arthur MacEwan, Professor of Economics at UMass/Boston; Robert Pollin, Director of the Political Economy Research Institute, UMass/Amherst; Tim Costello, NAFFE, Boston, Mel King, MIT (invited), Representative, AFL-CIO, Washington DC (invited)

McCormack 209; Floor: 1

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)
Workshop

*Other Economies are Possible
Global Justice
Democracy*

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Fighting Privatization of the public sector

Around the world the privatization of the public sector is at the top of the agenda both of global corporations as well as conservative governments. How can we fight the erosion of publicly funded programs and the "public service"/civil service jobs which are undermined by privatization? What are some positive examples, locally and around the world, of successful labor and community coalition to challenge this corporate and government agenda? How does privatization erode community control over communal assets, the legitimate role of government, and the popular will? Contact: Russ Davis, Jobs With Justice, 617-524-8778 or email jwj@jwj.net

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Other

*Other Economies are Possible
Economy*

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Plenary: "Other Economies Are Possible!" -- Strengthening, Connecting and Creating Economies Beyond Capitalism

We have been led to believe, all-too-often, that the political-economic system we know as American capitalism is permanent and inevitable. In this plenary session, two political economists directly challenge that belief—arguing that other economies are not only possible, but already exist in our midst. Gar Alperovitz (of the National Center for Economic and Security Alternatives) and Julie Graham (of the Community Economies Collective and UMass Amherst) will explain why identifying, imagining, and building different sorts of economic institutions --community controlled, democratically governed economic institutions aimed at meeting community needs--represents the best hope for economic democracy in the 21st century. Indeed, they will show that this work of hope is already happening in communities across New England, the United States and throughout the world.

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

Peace

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Making a Good Idea Real: Community-Based Peace and Justice Groups

When the Boston-area coalition, United for Justice with Peace, formed after 9-11, it did more than unite existing political organizations. It also helped neighborhoods organize new community-based groups and support those in existence. Monthly these groups come together to share organizing ideas, plan larger events, and help each other grow. Groups tapped into grassroots sentiments that had few outlets, and helped build a peace and justice coalition that benefits from the energy and insights that emerge from the ground up. What are the lessons to be learned from this kind of organizing? How are these groups faring three years later and after the "end" of the Iraq war? How have groups managed to stay together, work with other neighborhood based groups, and make connections between the wars at home and abroad? Some peace coalitions that sprang up after 9-11 have dissipated. UJP continues to grow. Why? Come, hear, and discuss these questions with grassroots UJP activists. presenter: UJP Community Outreach Committee

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Wheatley 198; Floor: 2

Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

*Peace
Culture
Education*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Lecture

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Global Justice*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Movement Building*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Other

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Climate Change*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

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Other*

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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Events VII (Saturday 6:00-7:30)

Panel Discussion

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Water
Water*

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Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: REAL Teaching and Learning About A Prophet and A Poet

Going beyond "The I Have A Dream" Speech is necessary if we are to fully comprehend the impact of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on our lives. Today more than ever we need to learn more and to read more about his writings and of his speeches. The wisdom of his legacy as a crusader for civil and human rights in the 1950's and 1960's deserves further exploration. This workshop will provide resources to "educators" and others who want his contributions to our world and our society remembered in meaningful, thoughtful and critical ways.

The Venezuelan Democratic Revolution

This forum will cover the changes that have taken place in Venezuela since President Chavez was elected into office. We'll begin with a history background of the 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th republics which led into the political party, The 5th Republic, which Chavez founded. We'll review some the important articles of the 1999 Constitution of Venezuela, one of the most progressive in this hemisphere. The opposition in Venezuela has tried to overthrow President Chavez by any means for the last five years, we'll review their strategies and connections to the US. The social programs that Chavez has initiated in Venezuela are making an impact in the poor neighborhoods, we'll review them and see some of the projects through a slide presentation. We'll end the presentation with what is ahead for Venezuela, followed by Q&A. We'll have the Venezuelan Consul, Martin Pacheco, present and another guest yet TBD.

White Racism in Progressive Organizing

This workshop will work to educate organizers of existing and potential progressive organizations and campaigns about the existence of institutionalized racism in such organizing. The workshop will cover briefly what racism is and then go deeper into problems which are common within white-led progressive groups and campaigns. Experiences will be asked for amongst the attendees and a discussion will follow on how to combat this "hidden element" in progressive organizing. The format is yet to be decided but may involve a short video.

Supercharge your CARma: Designing Imaginary Petroleum-Free Vehicles for the Future

We need your help! The future of eco-mobility depends on you. Drop in and contribute a drawing of your utopian vision for transportation. Join us as we harness the human imagination to conjure a fantastic petroleum-free future! KARmagick manifesters will be on hand to lead you through an explosion of the mind. Designs will be collected and exhibited along with drawings made this summer by students from Arts in Progress, Roxbury.

Women's Activist Training: Nonviolent direct action

Join CODEPINK: Women for Peace and RANT, the Root Activist Network of Trainers, for a hands-on training session on nonviolent direct action. This workshop is meant to give peace and justice activists the skills they need to plan and execute successful nonviolent direct actions – from marches to banner drops to civil disobedience and more. Trainer Lisa Fithian is a community and labor organizer with 27 years of nonviolent direct action experience. She was actively involved in the shut-down of the WTO meeting in Seattle in 1999. Currently she is co-chair of the U.S. Anti-war coalition United for Peace and Justice.

Student Action to Stop Genetically Engineered Food and Promote a Sustainable Food System

Students around New England have been taking action to stop the genetic engineering of our food supply and to promote sustainable food systems. Come learn from students and youth how to start a campaign in your school or community to stop corporate controlled agriculture.

Controlling the Tap: Water Barons and Municipal Privatization

Should living things have the water they need to survive, or only the water they can afford to buy? Join Sara Ehrhardt from the Council of Canadians, Hugh Jackson of Public Citizen in Nevada, and Chetan Talwalkar of Bluegrass FLOW in Lexington, KY, to discuss how corporate water barons are fighting to control water in our communities, our countries and the world, and how people are fighting back.

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

McCormack 208; Floor: 1

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Panel Discussion

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Other Economies are Possible
Environment*

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Panel Discussion

Economy

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Lecture

Economy

Global Justice

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Education

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Seminar

Environment

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Seminar

*Faith
Culture*

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Power for the People!: Cooperative and Community-Based Energy Alternatives

Where does our power come from? Who makes the decisions? Most of our energy system is controlled by large corporations and comes to us with immense (though often hidden) social, political and ecological costs. This panel will explore grassroots solutions for reducing our dependency on fossil fuels (and other unsustainable forms of energy) while at the same time creating innovative structures for community and worker control of our energy systems. Moderator-- Logan Perkins (Southern Maine Biofuels Co-op. Portland, ME); Speakers-- Lynn Benander (Coop Plus alternative energy cooperative, Greenfield, MA); Andrea DiFrancesco (Downeast Biodiesel Co-op, Maine); Mass Energy/Newton Sunergy Program; Kim Pinkham (Pioneer Valley Photovoltaics, Greenfield, MA)

Corporate America's Business Model for the Low-Wage Economy

The panel will focus on the corporate effort to drive down wages and limit protections for workers. The new business model that Wal-Mart and other corporations have developed threatens to eliminate relatively well paid jobs with good benefits in several sectors of the economy. Among the issues covered would be the recent grocery workers strike in California, Wal-Mart's treatment of its workers, reports on organizing efforts aimed at Wal-Mart and other large corporations. Panelists include Frances Fox Piven, Dolores Huerta, Frank Llewellyn (National Director of DSA) and a representative of the United Food and Commercial Workers Union.

The Contract for Mutual Responsibility

How to change our Constitution so that we can resolve partisan conflicts as well as find peace in the world? The Contract for Mutual Responsibility is an economic theory that extends the Bill of Rights. It merges the best of all strains of political thought, and accomodates faith as a way to find consensus between religious factions.

Empowerment of Immigrants and Refugees through Higher Education and Leadership Development

CRICLE is a program at the College of Public and Community Service that honors the immigrant experience and fosters a model of collective leadership, community development and empowerment of immigrant and refugee communities. This session will be a roundtable discussion with CRICLE student leaders about their immigrant experience and how they have navigated the US higher education system and made it work for them. They will also share how they put their academic experience into practice in their communities where they work to build capacity with immigrants and refugees and advocate for the rights of all newcomers. Organizers/Speakers: Elaine Ward, Director of Center for Immigrant & Refugee Community Leadership & Empowerment (CIRCLE) at the College of Public and Community Service; CIRCLE Student Leaders: Edwin Argueta, Linda Barros, Wanda Bobadilla, Smith Guillaume, Odelice Ramirez, Agnes Nansubuga, Ria Jusufbegovic, Carlos Yescas.

Let's Release The Miracle of Hemp: Cannabis Reform for Alternative Energy and MUCH more.

The Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition (MassCann), in conjunction with The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and local cannabis activists, present "The Hemposium," a symposium on the ecological, medicinal and other cultural benefits of the cannabis plant. A series of moderated speaker panels (c. 40-60 minutes each) will address topics such as: Hemp for Fuel, Food & Fiber; Medical Cannabis; Drug Prohibition and Censorship; Hemp Cultivation Across the Globe; and A History of Marijuana Policy Reform, 1964-present. The Hemposium will also feature visual displays produced by the November Coalition ("Faces of the Drug War"). Free literature will be distributed and there will be hemp products on display. Hemp-friendly musical entertainment will be provided between panels. The prohibition of cannabis is not only an issue of politics, criminal justice, faith, or culture, but involves each of them.

American Fundamentalism - the Threat to Faith and Democracy

The seminar/panel will discuss my 8x14 foot painting, AMERICAN FUNDAMENTALISTS (<http://www.americanfundamentalists.com>), which will be displayed on the stage during the presentation, and somewhere at the Social Forum during the 3-day event. The topic will be "American Fundamentalism - the Threat to Faith and Democracy." My part of the talk will focus on the history behind the painting (it's based on a famous 1888 pre-Expressionist Belgian painting by James Ensor, which hangs at the Getty Museum in Los Angeles), as well as my understanding of "Fundamentalism" as it relates to religion, economics and politics. The other panelists, each with their own areas of expertise, will add to the conversation, especially on the current threat to the Constitution's separation of Church and State, and the money and media influences over the last 20 years that have been working to erode or eliminate this separation. The general categories of American Fundamentalism covered in this work and discussion are Religious, Economic and Political.

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Healey Library University Club; Floor: 11

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)
Panel Discussion

Global Justice

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An Anti-Racist, Anti-Imperialist Movement Strategy

Can we build an anti-racist, anti-imperialist movement inside the heart of an imperialist superpower? How do we build a multi-racial working class movement focusing on a politics of anti-racism and self-determination, and also reach out to anti-racist whites, to consciously challenge the system, trade union establishment, and Democratic and Republican Parties?

Science Center 64; Floor: 2

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy
Movement Building*

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Labor & Communities Organizing Locally and Globally

What are effective strategies for union organizing with communities, in the context of the global economy? With free trade agreements and the spread of global corporations, jobs and job security are less and less rooted in the local or national economy, and less and less in the control of the immediate employer. What strategies need to be forged between labor and communities to fight the global strategies of transnational corporations? What kinds of global connections should be made between workers in the US and those from other countries? Examples from different organizing campaigns will be highlighted and further coalition building will be explored.

Wheatley CPCS Wheatley W-4-141; Floor:

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Climate Change*

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The Future of Boston and New England: Trends and Innovations Affecting Social Justice in the Coming Decades

In 2024 the challenges for social and economic justice may be more extreme than now. We are facing oil shortages, climate variability, and aging populations. How are trends affecting the future of Boston, New England, and the concerns of the World Social Forum movement? How are innovations in areas such as alternative energy and sustainable development providing avenues for optimism? Is "another world" possible? Indeed it is, and the actions needed to achieve it can be informed by an understanding of the developments anticipated to have growing influence in the coming years. Addressing this need, four Boston area futurists host a two day workshop on trends and innovations affecting the region and the use of methodologies to help visualize possible outcomes and formulate strategies for influence.

Wheatley CPCS Wheatley W-4-CPCS Plaza; Floor:

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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U.S. Imperialism and the Oil Wars

Learn about and discuss the importance of the fight to control Mideast/Caspian sea oil behind the U.S. occupations of Iraq & Afghanistan. The U.S. rulers are targeting the Taliban, Osama bin Laden, & Saddam Hussein, & the fictitious "weapons of mass destruction," but their goal is to secure Mideast oil, to maintain control over Saudi Arabia and its oil. This war is firmly rooted in competition among capitalist powers. The imperialist who controls the largest amounts of the cheapest oil supplies can rule the world. The largest concentration of oil in the world is found in a vast region stretching from the Persian Gulf in the west to the Caspian sea in the north to the China sea in the east. The U.S. ruling class has been able to control their competitors' economies by controlling Mideast oil. Moreover, Bin-Laden represents a section of the Saudi and Middle Eastern ruling class that wants to see the end of U.S. control of all Mideast oil. Bin Laden reflects a growing threat to the Saudi royal family and, therefore, the continued U.S. control of Saudi Arabian oil and gas. For the U.S. imperialists to continue to maintain their dominance over Mideast oil, they must go to war.

Wheatley CPCS Wheatley W-3-154-3; Floor: 1

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

*Health
Lifestyles & Personal Choices
Other*

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Recruiting and Mobilizing the Grassroots in Corporate Campaigns.

Through bold campaigns and a commitment to win, Infact and its members have scored major victories that protect people and save lives around the world. For over 25 years, we've forced corporations—like Nestle, General Electric and Philip Morris/Altria—to stop irresponsible and dangerous actions. For seven years, Teens Against Tobacco has worked in Dorchester to mobilize people around the issue of tobacco. The panel will cover the keys to recruiting and mobilizing the grassroots to win campaigns using the example of Teens Against Tobacco's and Infact's work challenging the tobacco industry at the local, national and international level. The workshop will be facilitated by Megan Rising, organizer with Infact, and Bill Loesch who works with Teens Against Tobacco, a teen leadership group out of Dorchester. A short film will be shown to quick off the panel.

McCormack 209; Floor: 1

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Panel Discussion

Israel-Palestine Conference

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The Wall and its Implications

The construction of the Wall in Palestine has created a serious obstacle to peace and justice. In this panel, a group of dynamic speakers puts the Wall "on trial" by addressing the grave political, social, economic and human costs of building barriers on expropriated Palestinian land. The panel will include visual images, and compelling testimony that creates a clear picture of "facts on the ground". Speakers for this panel include: Hasan Barghouti, Director of Democracy and Worker's Rights Center (DWRC), Ramallah Tarek Abuata, Palestinian American lawyer Sherif Fam, Boston Coalition for Palestinian Rights Alice Rothchild, Visions of Peace and Justice in Israel/Palestine Moderated by Martin R. Federman VOPJ, Greater Boston Israel/Palestine Peace Network A question and answer period with the audience will follow all speakers

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Healey Library Media Presentation Room 4; Floor:

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Film Screening

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

*Localization
Other Economies are Possible*

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

*Localization
Culture*

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Seminar

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Panel Discussion

*Media
Women's Liberation*

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Other

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Lecture

*Movement Building
Democracy*

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Until When... (76min) documentary by Jess Ghannam, et al.

Set during the current Intifada, this film paints an intimate portrait of Palestinians living in the Dheisheh Refugee Camp near Bethlehem: a thirteen-year-old who cares for his four younger brothers; parents who pass on the lessons of life with humor and passion; a single woman who endures long commutes to do community work; and a young couple who try to shield their daughter from the harsh realities of the occupation. They talk about their past and discuss the future with humor, sorrow, frustration and hope.

Going Local: Regaining Control of Our Economies

How communities can increase their self-reliance on local resources, workers, and capital. Since multinational firms will operate alongside for a very long time to come, communities pursuing localism must ally themselves with simpatico communities and popular resistance movements throughout the world. Workshop leader: Michael Shuman, Training & Development Corporation of Tacoma Park MD, and author of numerous works including "Going Local".

The Great Transition: Inventing a "Glocalized" Way of Life in Boston

This workshop will explore in a practical way what it takes to create a new, just and inspiring way of life for ourselves, grounded in the messy realities of Boston and also contributing to the growing global citizen's movement for social justice and sustainability. This session will look at how we: join in community with others who share our values; create locally-based, livable jobs and promote a globally just economy in the process; secure affordable housing and preserve neighborhoods; remain centered in a crazy culture; know what to do first and not feel overwhelmed This workshop will draw on the participant's experience and hopes as well as on the facilitator's successes and failures in trying to live their values, and put theory into practice by organizing an intentional community in Boston.

Winning the Battle of the Story--smartMemes for social change

The smartMeme Strategy & Training Project is an emerging collective of long-term organizers, trainers, media activists and strategists who have been featured at the National Conference on Organized Resistance, the Campus Anti-War Network National Conference, and Ruckus Society's Advanced Global Justice Action Camp. Our smartMeme 101 training, "Winning the Battle of the Story," helps you develop strategic media literacy, sound media strategy, and integrated messaging and story-telling in grassroots campaigns. We unpack and explore the "control mythology" of advertising and the "war on terror," and how to effect change in the arena of ideas. This power point presentation will provoke you, charm you, move you to act, and help us win the battle of the story for the better world that is possible!

Women and Media

Women's perspectives are sidelined in reporting and entertainment. It's not just who's telling the story, but how the story's being told. Presenters include: Sarah-Ann Shaw - Reporter, WBZ (retired), and Laura Zimmerman, founder & co-director, Center for New Words, Cambridge, MA.

Maine Townhall Meeting

Town hall meeting for all folks attending the BSF from Maine, to gather in a round-table discussion about how to integrate and build upon the stories and lessons from the Forum and build a better Maine. Expect 50-100 people, need 1.5 to 2 hours. Will be facilitated by Maine organizers. Interested Maine organizations include, Maine Peace and Justice Coalition, Seacoast Peace Response, Many & One Coalition, Maine Fair Trade Campaign, JED Center.

Why the anti-war movement and the Left should support Nader in 2004

This workshop, hosted by Socialist Alternative, will outline arguments in favor of building support for Ralph Nader's insurgent campaign against the Republicans and Democrats as the best way of forwarding the interests of workers, young people, women, people of color, LGBT people, the environment and the anti-war movement in the 2004 presidential election.

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Science Center 63; Floor: 2

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Economy Environment

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

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Other Economies are Possible Economy Localization

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Peace

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Lecture

Peace Politics Global Justice

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Peace Faith Other

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Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Seminar

Strategic Non-Violence Economy

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The Global Resource Bank: One Ecosystem, One Currency-- A Solution to Poverty and Pollution

In order to establish and support a prosperous global society the Global Resource Bank is a world central bank that defines economics as the science that deals with the production, distribution and recycling of Earth's ecoproduct wealth such as air, water, soil, climate and biological diversity. The Bank issues ecocredit, a global currency that values ecoproducts. This workshop addresses the question: On a planet with bountiful ecosystems and high technology, why is there poverty and pollution? It goes on to discuss the Global Resource Bank evolution to a prosperous global society.

Truck, Barter, and Trade: Alternative Tools for Exchange

Can we build healthy economies without conventional money? Can we exchange goods and services in ways that build community rather than create isolation and alienation? Yes we can! Come learn from Megan McDonough (Earth & Sky Exchange Collective, Amherst, MA); representative of the New England Time Dollar Network (Portland, ME); representative of the Burlington Currency Project (Burlington, VT) about diverse and successful models of community-based exchange in New England—from local currency projects to time exchanges and barter networks.

Up Against The Wall Street Journal on Free Trade and Tax Cuts

This participatory workshop will take on the economic perspectives found in the Wall Street Journal. First we'll examine the conservative claim that free trade creates economic growth and reduces world poverty. The second, domestic, focus of the workshop will challenge the claim made in recent Wall Street Journal editorials that the Bush tax-cutting agenda has created economic growth and jobs. We will also evaluate the Bush record on economic growth and the "job loss recovery." This workshop will be directed by economists and editors from Dollars & Sense Magazine (D&S) and The Center For Popular Economics (CPE).

Palestinians Resisting Occupation: Slides, Video & Latest News

Boston to Palestine: Support Group for the ISM Boston to Palestine presents images of Palestinian demonstrators and their international and Israeli supporters resisting Israeli military occupation and colonization. We will discuss the Israeli military's violence toward demonstrators, including the deaths of American Rachel Corrie and Briton Tom Hurndall. We will also give an update on current non violent resistance to the land theft accompanying Israel's construction of the "security barrier," as Palestinian villagers and their Israeli and international supporters attempt to save Palestine from the bulldozers. A "what-you-can-do" section will explain the work of Boston to Palestine, which sends local activists to join Palestinian demonstrators via the International Solidarity Movement (ISM). Ben founded Boston to Palestine, an ISM support group. He's been to Palestine three times. He lives in Boston and teaches sociology at a local college. The Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace,
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Reality Iraq - Real Life under Occupation. A documentary news series by Deep Dish TV.

This will be a sneak preview showing of selections from two upcoming TV series on Iraq produced by Deep Dish TV: "Shocking and Awful": a grassroots response to invasion and occupation; and "Reality Iraq" - a weekly documentary news series on the issues of daily life for Iraqis living under occupation. Q & A with "Reality Iraq" producers Frances Anderson and Gael Murphy. Filmmakers and activists interested in working on the Reality Iraq series are especially welcome!

Soul-utions: Systemic Constellation Work

We can look at creating peace on many levels and in many ways. One way is to do our own healing, and create peacefulness within. Systemic constellation work, created by Bert Hellinger, from Germany, looks at the family soul. The work shows that unresolved issues from the past (often grief or secrets) will surface in later generations to heal. Often this is unconscious. The work is to heal the system in love. A past participant told me that he thought this was the basic foundation for peace work. I have facilitated 230 constellations and been in the field of over 700 in the past five years. The work is elegant, mystical and practical. Life is transformed and it's done with respect, honor and love.

Report-Back: State Terror at Georgia G-8 Summit

200 protesters and 2000 body bags! 20,000 police officers and 5,000 soldiers! Missiles! Military Street Patrols, checkpoints and surveillance! Intimidation and harassment of organizers! Unconstitutional anti-protest laws! All this for a peaceful demonstration and teach-in miles from the summit meeting on Sea Island, Georgia USA. Hear details and background from a principal organizer of demonstrations and from the principal teach-in organizer. Discuss what this means, and what we can do to avert a police-state future. Presenters: Carol Bass, organizer, Georgia Peace & Justice Coalition Trent Schroyer, convener, The Other Economic Summit (TOES)

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events VIII (Sunday 8:30-10:00)

Workshop

Student & Youth Women's Liberation Health

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9:00am - 11:00am

Workshop

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Film Screening

BSF Film Series Fund the Dream

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Challenging Corporate Power Movement Building Peace

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Climate Change Environment

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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History of Menstruation and the Feminine Hygiene Industry

This workshop gives an overview of the history of menstruation and the feminine hygiene industry. It will examine how various cultures have historically viewed menstruation and how the feminine hygiene industry has and continues to put women's bodies and psychological well-being at risk through their shame-inducing marketing of dangerous feminine hygiene products.

Imagining a Non-violent World in 2034

Participants will step thirty years into the future to explore a world in which the 20th century culture of violence has been replaced by peace cultures. Next, the imagined peaceful society will be examined analytically to see how it functions, and a history from the future to the present will be constructed. Finally participants will choose action strategies in the present for bringing about that peaceful future. Professor Emerita of Sociology, Dartmouth College and former Secretary General of the International Peace Research Association. Her most recent book is, "Cultures of Peace, the Hidden Side of History," Syracuse University Press, 2000. She currently resides in the Northhill Retirement Community, Needham, MA.

Race - The Power of an Illusion III: The House We Live In; The Angry Heart: The Impact of Racism on Heart Disease Among African Americans

Produced by Llewellyn M. Smith 2003, 57 min. Race - The Power of an Illusion questions the very idea of race as biology, suggesting that a belief in race is no more sound than believing that the sun revolves around the earth. Yet race still matters. Just because race doesn't exist in biology doesn't mean it isn't very real, helping shape life chances and opportunities. Episode 3 uncovers how race resides not in nature but in politics, economics and culture. It reveals how our social institutions "make" race by disproportionately channeling resources, power, status and wealth to white people. Co-sponsored by the Roxbury Film Festival Title: The Angry Heart: The Impact of Racism on Heart Disease Among African Americans. Produced by Jay Fedigan, 2001, 57 min It is hard to find an African-American whose life has not been touched by heart disease. Disproportionately more African-American men and women die from cardiovascular disease than do white Americans. Is racism at the root of this American health crisis? The angry heart meets this provocative question head on. Told through the personal story of Keith Hartgrove, a 45-year-old resident of Roxbury, Massachusetts, the documentary chronicles one man's dramatic recovery from by-pass surgery. Navigating a sometimes indifferent, often overwhelming, health-care system, Keith manages to rebuild his life with the help and support of family, community, and church. *Followed by a discussion with filmmaker Jay Fedigan*

What to Do About the War Profiteers: An Organizing Session

This organizing session will examine what we can do about the corporations that profit from war. It will consider corporate campaigns, investor activism, and public education. This session follows up on the lecture/panel discussion: Challenging Corporate Power IV: the War Profiteers

Sustainable Architecture: What We Build Reflects Our State of Mind

Envisioning a sustainable built environment, upon which the Sites we build, the Eater we expend, the indoor and outdoor Air we breathe, the Energy we use and emit and the Materials we extract and implement, is in an equitable balance with the natural world, ourselves and a just humanity. An overview of Green Building and description of idealistic environmental/social experiments in Colombia and elsewhere. Presented by: Uzma Mirza, an Architect with Centerbrook Architects in CT striving to implement the craft, science and art of a sustainable/environmentally conscious built environment, through Sustainable clean or renewable technologies, tools and 'Mind' for a better and justly balanced world. *Member of USGreen Building Council (USGBC). *LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) certified which is part of USGBC.

Anti-Death Penalty Work in New England

This an informal (workshop/roundtable) discussion on anti-death penalty work in new England. In CT, there are several developments of note: New Haven recently passed a resolution condemning the DP; this is the second city in the country to do so and, we may be facing the first execution in over 40 years this year. We'd like to share the work we've done, find out what others have been doing in New England and combine our knowledge and experience to get some assessments of where we are at.

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Wheatley 200; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

*Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi
Peace
Immigration*

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Civil Rights In Peril: The Targeting of Arabs and Muslims

Chair: Merrie Najimy, Arab Anti-Defamation League. Speakers: Elaine Hagopian, Professor of Sociology at Simmons College. Naseer Aruri, Professor of Political Science at UMass Dartmouth. Nancy Murray, Director of the ACLU of Massachusetts and the Bill of Rights Education Project. Ahmed Shawki, publisher at Haymarket Books and editor of International Socialist Review. In the name of the "war against terror," the Bush Administration has waged its own war against Muslims and Arabs in the United States using secret evidence, sweeping arrests, racial profiling, and illegal detentions. At this panel, contributors to the new book from Haymarket Books, *Civil Rights In Peril: The Targeting of Arabs and Muslims*, edited by Elaine Hagopian, will discuss the war on civil rights and what we can do to fight back. Visit our website at: www.haymarketbooks.org

Wheatley 198; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Lecture

*Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi
Women's Liberation
Economy*

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Class, Gender, Prisons and Race in the Drug War.

Lecture/workshop on class, gender, prisons and race in the drug war. This powerful presentation includes statistical analysis combined with personal experience from Mary Barr who worked on Rikers Island for over two years as a motivational counselor after being incarcerated there numerous times as a drug user. Audience participation is encouraged and there may be some role-playing/reversal.

Wheatley 31; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Lecture

Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi

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Street Wars: Gangs and the Future of Violence by Tom Hayden

Activist, legislator, and author Tom Hayden will discuss themes related to his new book "Street Wars," an in-depth study of the relationship between negligent social policies, repressive police power, and violent gang activity in the United States. Drawing on years of research and interviews with gang members and community leaders across the country, Hayden will present an honest look at the oft-ignored underside of American life, showing how the criminal justice system too often perpetuates rather than alleviates gang violence. He will then discuss promising alternatives for re-humanizing our most neglected populations and ending the violence, strategies that go far beyond conventional calls for "community policing" by addressing the economic and social roots of gang violence.

Wheatley 126; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Lecture

*Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi
Immigration*

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The Wave of Detentions Post-9/11: A Discussion

Presentation and discussion of the wave of detentions following 9/11 with Farouk Abdel-Muhti who was jailed for nearly two years. A Palestinian activist, he was finally released after the Israeli government refused to accept his return to the West Bank.

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Seminar

*Culture
Strategic Non-Violence
Peace*

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The Effects of Intensive Exposure to Television and Movies Upon Society

A short discursive oral presentation by the organizer about the effects of intensive exposure to television and movies upon society. Specifically, said media's alienating effects upon emotion and social interactions, the political decision making process (how it becomes delegated upward to "more important people"), and how both of these media are at the same time seductive and attractive; and, more importantly, frustrating and aversive. The suggestion is even made that said media's effects include the instigation of new psychological needs for modern societies to go to war as a sort of way of committing a blood sacrifice in order to appease all of those deserving individuals like Van Gogh, for example, who the society fails to adequately reward. In addition, if there is empugh time, the idea of necrophilia as a suppressed cause of war will also be explored. These ideas are presented to the group as suggested topics for their collective discussion.

McCormack 206; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Democracy
Global Justice*

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AmericaSpeaks: Large Scale Participatory Democracy

Panel discussion of democratic deliberation. Panel members will share experiences of numerous forms of participatory policy-making exercises that engage citizens directly in shaping public policy. AmericaSpeaks will present an overview of the field and specific details of its "21st Century Town Meeting," a large scale participatory process that engages decision-makers and ordinary citizens in governance. Using case studies, AmericaSpeaks will demonstrate the legitimacy and viability of large scale participatory processes.

Wheatley 47; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Democracy

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Instant Runoff Voting

This workshop will explore the basics and grassroots strategies for implementing instant runoff voting (IRV). A ranked order voting system that eliminates the Spoiler Effect. IRV maximizes democratic choices and allows voters to vote with their hearts and not just minds. It will also examine the problem of and potential solutions to the current system of redistricting which reduces our ability to organize for any policy that must be legislatively approved, drastically reduces electoral competition, disadvantages peoples of color and otherwise operates in an anti-democratic manner, as well as discuss ballot questions on redistricting this November.

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

McCormack 417; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Seminar

*Economy
Localization
Global Justice*

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Balanced Trade

Making a case for balanced trade as a strategy for sheltering developing economies without resorting to tariff protections. Including an emphasis on the role that central banks may be able to play in underwriting local third world development. Balanced trade would also benefit countries running significant negative trade imbalances, including likely the US. So, the idea of an overall corporate trade imbalance between discrete countries is defined. The idea would be to counter the tendency toward a declining wage spiral, which seems to run the danger of creating a shrinking global GDP with a relatively small fabulously wealthy elite at the top and increasing numbers of ex middle class workers whose wage bargaining power has been eroded and reduced. This plan would legally create motivations to create corporate productive jobs on grounds other than accessing the lowest possible wages.

Wheatley Wheatley A [Formerly Wheatley Cafeteria]; Floor: 3

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

Education

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Closing Panel: Building a Movement for Equitable Education which Supports the Vision and the Creation of a Just Society

A plenary discussion, introduced and facilitated by Chuck Turner and Ismael Ramirez-Soto, focusing on building a movement connecting all the issues in the Education Track, and working for equitable education in a way that enhances struggles for social justice and equality in Boston, and in our world. Organizers: Marilyn Frankenstein, UMB Human Rights Working Group and CPCS (The College of Public and Community Service at UMass/Boston); Tom Louie, Political Research Associates; representatives from various education track workshops.

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Environment
Health*

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Advocating for Prevention - Environmental Links to Breast Cancer

Recently released statistics indicate that the fight against the breast cancer epidemic is losing ground. Now one in seven women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in her lifetime. These newly released statistics reflect that breast cancer is on the rise despite the tremendous investment that has been focused on the disease since the war on cancer was declared over 30 years ago. The overwhelming majority of research does not address primary prevention but is concentrated on early diagnosis and treatment. The only way to truly end the breast cancer epidemic is to learn how to prevent it. Rita Arditti, Women's Community Cancer Project and Susan Whalen, Massachusetts Breast Cancer Coalition will present what we know about environmental links to breast cancer and facilitate a discussion regarding current research.

Wheatley 55; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Environment

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Ecological Consciousness, Caring Community, and Radical Amazement: The Heart of Environmentalist Politics - An Experiential Workshop

Our well-being depends on that of every person on the planet, and of the earth as a living system. This sense of ourselves as part of the web of life, caring for the human and more-than-human whole, is the prerequisite for building a global movement that can challenge corporate power to save the planet from ecological destruction. How can we cultivate this sensibility in ourselves and others to find the healing strength and purpose it offers? How can we embody it in the substance of our political work? Roger S. Gottlieb (Tikkun Community) and Sarah Conn (Ecopsychology Institute) will speak, and we will explore ways to experience the living earth, and ourselves as part of it, with a sense of awe, wonder, and radical amazement, through participatory exercises involving direct and imaginative encounters with the natural world, connection to the land, and embeddedness in community at all levels.

Wheatley 20; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Environment

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Organic and Local Agriculture

My wife and I own a certified organic farm in Barre, Massachusetts. I am the editor of The Natural Farmer, the publication of the Northeast Organic Farming Association, as well as the coordinator of the Social Action Program of NOFA/Mass. As a part of the Food and Agriculture panel, and then as a separate workshop, my presentation will focus on the importance of maintaining organic and local agriculture as an alternative to the corporate food system. This presentation will look at the corporate, industrial farming system which dominates American agriculture and include information about its impact on human health, social justice, and the environment. I will compare that system with organic, local agriculture, contrasting the models on issues of scale, use of inputs, and impacts on our well-being.

Wheatley 56; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Faith
Movement Building
Democracy*

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TIKKUN: Emancipatory Spirituality: Building a Spiritual-Political Movement

Injustice and violence stem both from political and economic arrangements, and from distortions in how we experience ourselves and each other. As we struggle for institutional change, we must also work to change our inner selves and ways of relating. Self-transformation cannot replace political work; nor will social change bring it as a byproduct. Inner and outer change are two essential faces of a single healing process. We need to foster an inner consciousness and life of spiritual and ethical sensitivity and joy, while compassionately accepting our human failings. And we need to publicly affirm the cultivation of this consciousness as a shared social experience - an inner life that is also an interconnected life with other human beings and with the Unity of All Being. A panel of speakers (TBA) will begin with a roundtable discussion, followed by some experiential exercises and discussion of spiritual practice in progressive politics.

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Wheatley 62; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Workshop

Faith

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Urban-Suburban Partnership Principles

Cooperative Metropolitan Ministries (CMM) is an interfaith association of 70 churches, synagogues, and a mosque in 19 greater Boston urban and suburban communities. CMM's goal is to bridge the forces that separate individuals and institutions in our city: geography, race, religion, class, culture, and fear of the "different". By creating opportunities to learn and worship together and to enter into institutional and personal partnerships, CMM's goals are to foster respect, to encourage productive relations and to support specific initiatives and projects that effect change in the areas of housing and homelessness, at risk youth and violence, and cross cultural understanding. CMM's Executive Director, Claire Kashuck, will conduct a workshop that explores lessons learned from the past eight years of brokering urban-suburban partnerships between diverse faith communities including Jews, Pentecostals, Muslims, Unitarian Universalists, Congregationalists, and African Methodist Episcopalians.

Healey Library University Club; Floor: 11

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Workshop

Funding Our Movement

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Moving Money to Global Justice: International Funding Strategies for Social Change

Come join a fascinating South-North dialogue on funding global social change movements. Hear perspectives from both a grantor and grantees on ways to help overseas activists build powerful organizations. Hasan Barghouthi, from the Democracy and Workers Rights Center in the West Bank, Paulo de Marke from Brazil's Landless Workers Movement and Kevin Murray from Grassroots International will discuss successes and challenges in offering consistent financial support to international social change movements. We will also discuss the impact of the Patriot Act on international social change giving.

Wheatley 6; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Panel Discussion

GLBT track

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Why We Can't Wait: The Fight for Gay Marriage!

Speakers: 1. Reverend Irene Monroe has written extensively on African American gay and lesbian history and delivered the invocation at the historic "Marriage Equality Celebration" at Cambridge City Hall on May 16, 2004. 2. Steve Trussel helped start the Equal Marriage Action Network (EMAN), an activist network organizing for gay marriage. Steve is a member of the International Socialist Organization. 3. A speaker from the New Paltz Equality Initiative. New Paltz, New York became a flashpoint in the movement for marriage equality when Green Party Mayor, Jason West began issuing marriage licenses to same-sex couples in the winter of 2003. Since then, 170 same-sex couples have been married in New Paltz. Join us at this panel and discussion on how we can organize now to stop the right wing bigots and expand marriage rights across the country. Contact us at DefendEqualMarriage@yahoo.com.

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Workshop

*Global Justice
Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi
Economy*

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Break With The Democrats -- For A Workers' Party, For A Workers Government!

A revolutionary Marxist discussion and workshop on the issues facing us in the election, and the ongoing struggle against capitalism and U.S. imperialism. In particular, working towards a socialist perspective on the need for the political independence of the working class, to unchain class struggle against both ruling parties and their policies.

Wheatley 127; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Can Business Really Be a Force for Global Economic Justice?

A workshop involving businesses that have made a significant commitment to economic justice. what are the elements of business that can be restructured to address critical economic justic issues? what are the impediments? how to structure a business response to global economic justice issues within an organization and how that organization can participate in the global economic justice movement.

McCormack 418; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Fight Corporate Globalization at Home: Organize a World Bank Bond Boycott in Your Community

This one-and-a-half hour interactive workshop disseminates information about the World Bank Bond Boycott, a campaign that gives local activists in the US a concrete handle to fight corporate globalization. The workshop helps activists learn and share strategies for organizing a World Bank Bond Boycott campaign in their city, labor union, or university. It is presented jointly by BankBusters and the Center for Economic Justice.

Wheatley 60; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Great Transition Initiative

www.gtinitiative.org The Great Transition Initiative (GTI) involves a group of engaged thinkers and thoughtful activists in an exploration of ways to crystallize a global citizens movement for a transition to a future of hope. The Great Transition paradigm endorses many of the ideals of Eco-communalism. It rejects rampant consumerism and embraces equality, empowerment, and deep respect for the intrinsic values of nature. The Great Transition seeks to change the character of global civilization, it validates global solidarity, cultural cross-fertilization, economic interdependence, and cooperative efforts. Widening Circle Strategy There are no blueprints for such a global movement. The top-down structure of earlier oppositional movements will not suffice, nor will its converse, faith that political coherence will arise on its own. A living movement must be fashioned by participants in a process of adaptation to one another and to changing circumstance. The widening circle process began in June 2003 with the circulation of the draft GTI proposal to a diverse international group of about 100.

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Wheatley 57; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Workshop

*Global Justice
Peace*

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Incursions On Your Freedom To Travel

Tightening restrictions on travel to Cuba are an abridgement of the rights of free exchange and free association guaranteed under our constitution. Three years in a row Congress has voted to lift restrictions on travel to Cuba yet a bill has never found its way to the White House. To the contrary, the Bush administration is making it increasingly difficult not only for ordinary citizens but also for scientists, artists, musicians and professionals of both countries to meet and exchange views and information, or in the case of artists, to perform. The travel ban and intransigence of the US executive is symptomatic of the way in which the embargo of Cuba has assumed purely domestic political proportions. So far the Democratic Party and the Kerry Campaign are vague on what measures they would take to lift the travel ban and to move towards normalization of relations between our countries. This workshop will educate and inform participants on what steps are currently in process, both in Congress and amidst grassroots groups, to ensure that the travel ban is lifted and that concrete steps are taken to lift the embargo of Cuba.

McCormack 608; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Immigration
Movement Building*

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Latin@s' Struggles Against Free Trade Agreements

This interactive workshop will have Latin Americans and local activists discussing the negative impact of the free trade agreements. They will share their experiences and make an attempt to build common strategies to combat free trade agreements, corporated globalization and neo-liberalism. The international speakers will be Blanca Flor Bonilla (FMLN - El Salvador), Carlos Reynoso (Guatemalan coffee grower), Miguel Fernandez (president of CUT-Cauca/ Colombia), Paul Altidor (Haitian activist) and Paulo de Marck (Brazilian MST leader). This event is organized by the Massachusetts Global Justice Coalition. Find out about us at <http://www.bostonglobalaction.net>.

McCormack 428; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Ruth Rosenbaum on Justice and Globalization (Workshop)

Sr. Ruth Rosenbaum, TC, PhD, is the founder and executive director of CREA: Center for Reflection, Education and Action, Inc. located in Hartford, CT. This organization is unique in that it starts its analysis of social and economic systems from the perspective of their effect on the lives of persons and communities who are economically poor. Ruth has a long resume working with global corporate accountability in her efforts to create just and sustainable lives for the poor. Her work takes her to many countries including Mexico, El Salvador, Guatemala Honduras, Costa Rica, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Vietnam, China and Kenya. She is reconized internationally for her dedicated work for economic justice.

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)
Lecture

*Global Justice
Economy
Criminal Justice/Domestic Repressi*

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The War on Drugs

This workshop/lecture will address how the war on drugs has devastated our communities and how communities of color have been the hardest hit. This workshop/lecture will give an overview of almost nine decades of drug prohibition and over thirty years of the war on drugs. We will address the following questions: Should there be reparations? Should the drug policy reform movement use this word "reparations"? How can we obtain these monies? Should we raise taxes? Do we have to? What do you think?

Wheatley 46; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Lecture

*Global Justice
Economy*

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Grassroots International
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Turbulence and Transition in Haiti: Grassroots Struggles for Justice

Paul Altidor, Haiti Program Consultant for Grassroots International as well as a seasoned progressive Haitian social justice activist will lead a workshop on the effects of globalization and factors that have contributed to political crises and instability during the past decade in Haiti. Paul Altidor will present on the response of a coalition of numerous significant grassroots organizations to the Interim Cooperation Framework put forward for the reconstruction of Haiti. Grassroots organizations are mobilizing and have put forward important steps that they believe are required to lead the way forward for Haiti after recent political upheaval. Altidor will raise the voice of the Haitian grassroots.

Wheatley 63; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Health

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A System of National Health Insurance: the Best Alternative to the Shortcomings of the US Health Care System

Physicians for a National Health Program (PNHP) is an organization of thousands of physicians nationwide who have long advocated a Canadian style, single-payer system of national health insurance in the U.S. I will use a power point presentation to lay out the profound shortcomings of the U.S. health care "system" which falls far below the standards of other developed countries, despite the enormous sums spent in the U.S. The alternative, I will discuss is a system of national health insurance. Such a system delivers better health care at lower costs for more people than the present system. In the end national health insurance, or an equivalent, is the only ethical and moral approach to medicine for a developed country.

Wheatley 9; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Health
Faith
Education*

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Healing Celebrations: Creating Healing through Words, Foods, Meditations and Relaxations

Using some of the topics highlighted in the book HEALING CELEBRATIONS by Dr. Leonard G. Horowitz there a discussion and a meditation/relaxation to help guide you on your healing journey. The topics covered will include how to improve health and healing through ancient scriptures, natural medicine and modern science. During the second part of the workshop, participants will relax and meditate to the sound of Divine Harmony and/or Holy Harmony. These two CD's are known for providing both a deep relaxation and inspirational meditation.

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

McCormack Cafeteria; Floor: 3

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

*Immigration
Movement Building*

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Immigration in the 21st Century: Challenges to Human and Civil Rights

Presenters, including Dolores Huerta, co-founder of the United Farm Workers of America, Colin Rajah of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and Roberto Lovato, author and former immigrants' rights activist, will draw upon the experience in U.S. of immigrants from all continents, discussing what drives immigration; international codes and human and civil rights/liberties as they relate to immigrants; the immigrant workers' movement; tensions and alliances between African American and immigrant communities; and confronting the nativist or anti-immigrant opposition.

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Film Screening

International Peace Conference - A

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Film Screening: "Crossing The Lines: Kashmir, Pakistan, India"

This workshop featuring screening and discussion of the documentary "Crossing The Lines: Kashmir, Pakistan, India" (2004) by Dr. Mian and Dr. Hoodbhoy, will be conducted in conjunction with the U.S. Hegemony & Pre-Emptive War Conference, organized by the American Friends Service Committee, the European Network for Peace and Human Rights, and other organizations. This path-breaking independent documentary film, made in Pakistan, takes a critical look at the tragic fifty-year long struggle between India and Pakistan over Kashmir. After four wars, Kashmiris and their land are divided between Pakistan and India, the source of recurring crises. Amidst growing nationalism and religious fervor, many feel that the next war may be a nuclear war. Rejecting the ambitions of Kashmiris, Pakistanis and Indians alike, the film offers a vision of a shared future for all of South Asia built on a common humanity. Dr. Pervez Hoodbhoy (Pakistan) – Dr. Zia Mian (Pakistan)

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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GI Rights and GI Advocacy

No social or political transformation has ever been won without winning over the armed forces. The Vietnamese claim that opposition to the war within the U.S. military was key to the US finally leaving. We need to echo that message today. When a coalition of groups started the national GI Rights Hotline (800-FYI-95GI, www.girights.org) in 1995, we thought we were doing well receiving 1500 calls. Last year, we got 27,000 calls. Calls from members of the military who: were lied to by their military recruiters, don't know they can get out of the Delayed Entry Program; were victims of racist and sexist attacks; have medical problems are being ignored; realize they are gay; have family hardships also being ignored; oppose this particular war and don't want to be deployed, and/or have become opposed to all fighting since they signed up; among others. Learn how you can get involved. Speakers to be announced.

McCormack Theatre; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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Planning for Republican National Convention:

Beginning August 29, people from across the country will be gathering in New York City to protest the Bush Administration's war in Iraq, its global military crusade, its war on immigrants and the poor, its assault on human rights, civil liberties, international law, and the list goes on... This workshop will provide participants with an opportunity to learn what is planned for RNC protest activities, how best to organize for them, and to explore possibilities of greater cooperation and collaborations. This workshop is part of the AFSC-European Network "A World Working Together For Peace" conference and will be led by Leslie Cagan of United for Peace and Justice.

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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Strategizing for Peace Across National Borders

A workshop for peace activists from the U.S., Europe, Asia, Africa and Latin America to consider and coordinate nonviolent strategies against the war, the occupations and other upcoming preemptive wars, and to establish regular communication as we enter into a period of deepening dangers. The workshop will include the following participants: Walden Bello, Philippines Aichin Vanaik, India Taka Hiroshi, Japan Tony Simpson, England Jean Gallas, France Rae Street, England Leslie Cagan, U.S. Joseph Gerson, U.S. Gyung-Lan Jung, Korea

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Workshop

International Peace Conference - A

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U.S. & NATO Foreign Military Bases

The United States has developed and is expanding 725 major military bases and installations that span the globe. These foreign fortresses serve as jumping off points for U.S. foreign military interventions; facilitate U.S. preparations for nuclear war; reinforce U.S. dominance over oil and other essential resources; and are vital to command, control and communication – including spying; to encircle rivals, to "plant the flag," and to influence the politics and policies of host nations. The bases are essential to war fighting; they subvert national sovereignty; result in crimes, sexual harassment, deadly military accidents, the seizure of property, environmental degradation, and cultural imperialism.

McCormack 208; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Education for Action on Israel/Palestine: The Other Sides of the Story

Grassroots International (GRI) and Unitarian Universalists for Justice in the Middle East (UUJME) will facilitate an interactive, popular education workshop on a just peace in Israel/Palestine that is based on a curriculum that has been widely used in a variety of community and faith-based settings. The workshop will allow participants to look at military occupation in the region within its historical context, engage in experiential exercises, begin looking at U.S. policies towards the region and discuss signs of hope for a just resolution to Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It will also engage people in a discussion on participatory education and provide people with preliminary resources to become involved in further grassroots education and action for a just peace in the region. Facilitators: Nisrin Elamin GRI, Jennifer Lemire GRI, UUJME members Sponsored by Grassroots International, co-sponsored by the Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace

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Film Screening

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Jenin Jenin (54min) documentary by Mohamed Bakri

In the wake of the Israel's April 2002 attack on the Jenin refugee camp, residents testify to the destruction that followed and to their continued willingness to resist. "Jenin Jenin" shows the extent to which the prolonged brutality of the occupation can affect the state of mind of the oppressed.

McCormack 209; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Palestinian Refugees and the Right of Return

"Demographic threat", "final status issue" or "nuisance", the typical labels used to describe Palestinian refugees fail to accurately depict their plight. In this workshop, we explore the genesis of the refugee issue, the legal status of these refugees and the relevant UN resolutions applicable to them. We also have the opportunity to hear first person accounts of life in the camps from participants in a recent tour of Palestinian refugee camps in Syria and Lebanon, as well as a power point presentation of daily life in the Lebanese refugee camps. Speakers include: Susan Akram, Clinical Associate Professor of Law, Boston University Ken Barney, Boston Committee for Palestinian Rights Nasseem Khuri, American Diaspora Alliance for Israeli/Palestinian Peace Rania Matar, Palestinian photographer John & Kathy Roberts, human rights activists Moderated by Despina Moutsouris Israel/Palestine Task Force of United for Justice with Peace A question and answer period with the audience will follow all speakers.

McCormack 433; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Labor Jobs & the New England Eco
Movement Building*

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Labor as a Social Movement: Progressive Politics or Status Quo?

This workshop will explore the crisis facing labor in the U.S. and different responses to it. Should the labor movement continue with incremental change, or no change at all, or should progressive activists seek to transform labor into a social movement as part of a strategy for fundamental social change? How can labor build broader alliances and still serve its members? How does labor address issues like race, gender, and sexual orientation? What is a progressive electoral strategy for labor? Join labor activists and community allies for a frank discussion of critical issues facing all progressive activists.

Wheatley 64; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Lifestyles & Personal Choices

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Let's Release The Miracle of Hemp II

The Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition (MassCann), in conjunction with The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and local cannabis activists, present "The Hemposium," a symposium on the ecological, medicinal and other cultural benefits of the cannabis plant. A series of moderated speaker panels (c. 40-60 minutes each) will address topics such as: Hemp for Fuel, Food & Fiber; Medical Cannabis; Drug Prohibition and Censorship; Hemp Cultivation Across the Globe; and A History of Marijuana Policy Reform, 1964-present. The Hemposium will also feature visual displays produced by the November Coalition ("Faces of the Drug War"). Free literature will be distributed and there will be hemp products on display. Hemp-friendly musical entertainment will be provided between panels. The prohibition of cannabis is not only an issue of politics, criminal justice, faith, or culture, but involves each of them.

Wheatley 158; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

*Localization
Economy
Global Justice*

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Local-Based Alternative Economic Systems: Current, Near-term, and Longer-term

Can an economy be both productive and democratic? The IMF, the World Bank, and the WTO foster a uniform global economic system edging toward regulation-free markets and capitalist political dominance. This panel will discuss current alternative systems growing from local and regional (Argentina, Quebec, India) economic and social conditions, as well as policy (IFG) and constitutional (CAIS) visions for a democratic world or de-globalized economy. Panelists: Walden Bello (Focus on the Global South) Lisa Garrigues (Journalist & writer, Argentina and US) Dave Lewit (Alliance for Democracy) Claire Sabourin (University of Quebec, Montreal) Trent Schroyer (TOES, The Other Economic Summit)

Healey Library Media Conference Room; Floor:

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Media
Movement Building
Localization*

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Citizen Muckraking

Are you empowered to investigate, expose, and right the wrongs in your own community? Follow the money, file a FOIA request, ask the right questions, and publicize a story through a variety of channels. Apply your skills in Boston area community media project. Huttner describes laws about what nonprofits, 501(c)(4)'s, and PACs can and can't do with media advocacy. Know where to draw the line, or meander through the mine field of the Fourth Estate. How can a non-profit discuss a politician nearing an election? Any way at all, but not as a "candidate." Participants include: Michael Huttner, Rocky Mountain Progressive Network, www.rmpn.org, adjunct professor at University of Denver College of Law; John Grebe, "Sounds of Dissent" radio news, WZBC 90.3 Saturdays 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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Panel Discussion

*Media
Science & Technology*

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Digital Handcuffs?

Do the coming digital media liberate us from old restraints or enslave us to new products, new fees and new advertising? Is community media's audience disappearing amid hundreds of TV channels, commercial control of the coming digital radio standards, and a big business model of intellectual property? Exactly how was the Internet—developed with public funds at public risk—turned over to essentially private control for private profit in the mid-90's? How can non-commercial, community, independent, and public media expand its audience instead of seeing it locked down? How do digital media open consumers to new commercial invasions into our privacy and our news media through targeted advertising on digital radio, TV, and ad-driven computer viruses? Who's coordinating the public fight-back against a swarm of advertisers in the digital realm? Presenters include: Walter McDonough, Copyright Lawyer for the Future of Music Coalition; Reebee Garofalo, Community Media & Technology, CPCS, UMass-Boston

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

Media

Fund the Dream Immigration

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Faith Economy

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Economy Localization

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The Ethnic Press--Free Lunch for the Monopoly Machine?

Are the independent & activist media allied with media of color facing monopoly pressure that could undermine local communities? The growing ethnic media disperses message and thrives as a form of alternative media. It's booming across the U.S., for a time independent of larger corporate ownership, and quite unlike major mainstream media. Via Spanish-language radio millions get news and talk shows with a very different political spin from white America's #1 talk host Rush Limbaugh. Univision & Telemundo TV offer a voice nothing like local TV news covering fires & pit bulls. Spanish-language TV reflects important community issues. Independent newspapers like East Harlem's "Siempre" got 30,000 circulation within a few years. How? What model does this offer the new independent press? What's learned from thriving ethnic local media like the Amsterdam News or Chicago Defender? Presenters include: Abby Scher, Director, Independent Press Association and Esther Iverem, founder, editor of SeeingBlack.com, iverem@SeeingBlack.com

Unite for 2004

Progressive Vote is a 527 partisan organization that has come out of the Kucinich campaign. We hope to unite progressive Democrats toward strategic effective influence within the Party. Many Progressives were united under the Democratic Party via Dean, Kucinich, Sharpton, Braun, etc during the primaries. The workshop will demonstrate what has been done with those movements thus far, how we can unite and create change during the 2004 General Election.

Economies of Faith and Hope: Perspectives on Economic Justice from World Religious Traditions

Religious traditions can provide us with powerful ethical guidance in the task of creating democratic, equitable and life-centered economies. This panel will highlight some of the ancient traditions of "moral and spiritual economics" that lie at the core of Islam, Judaism, Christianity and Buddhism. What might a contemporary, liberatory "economics" emerging from these traditions look like? What do these faith traditions have to say about economic justice and how economic relationships should be organized? Speakers--Aamir Rehman (graduate, Harvard Business School); Anasuya Weil (Community Economies Collective); Rabbi Michael Lerner (Tikkun Magazine); others TBA

How to Start a Cooperative

Starting any new business takes careful research and planning. Starting a cooperative, when several people have a say in how things should go, takes not only careful research and planning, but also an effective group decision-making process. Consultants who help people start cooperatives and other group-based businesses will outline the development process, from your initial business idea, to opening day. Experienced cooperators will be on hand to share the experiences they had when starting their businesses. Participants-- Stacey Cordeiro (Cooperative Development Institute); Kim Pinkham (Pioneer Valley Photovoltaics, Greenfield, MA); Diane Simpson, (JP Co-Housing, Boston)(invited); others TBA

Plenary: "Social and Economic Policy Priorities for Building an Alternative Economy"

This Conference Plenary will draw speakers from the other events in the "Other Economies Are Possible!" conference within the BSF. Speakers will deliver a succinct, integrated alternative economic message by drawing the theoretical-practical implications of our track's reflection on Workers' Empowerment and Entitlements, Building Labor Capacity, Outsourcing, Privatization, Rethinking Economic Development, Promoting Fair Trade, Cutting military expenditures, Current economic alternative initiatives in co-ops, food, exchange, Grameen-like banks, and so on. Speakers' List in Formation: Frances Fox Piven, CUNY, NYC; Jeremy Brecher, Author "Globalization from Below"; Elaine Bernard, Harvard U., Cambridge; Giacomo Barbieri, CGIL, Rome; Nicolas Bermudez, Fundacion Gaia Amazonas, Colombia; Anne-Marie Grozeller, Lazaire, Paris; Ethan Miller, JED Collective, Maine; Horace Small, UMN, Boston; Representative from AFL-CIO, Washington DC

The Citizen's Dividend: Sharing the Wealth of the Commons

All of us on this planet of abundance are entitled a fair share of society's surplus-- to an extra income apart from our labor and capital, a regular dividend from the rent for land and resources, a la Alaska's oil dividend writ large. Merely demanding this "Citizens Dividend" elevates our self-esteem. And once we win it, we divert revenues from the pockets of the few now engorging upon these socially-generated values, to the pockets of everyone--those who actually create the values of nature and society. Come discuss the commonwealth, how much is out there, who has it, how to retrieve it, what's already been accomplished, and what we can do now.

The E2M Model: Using Capitalism to Create Community Wealth

A discussion of the E2M economic model, an infrastructure now established in Western Mass that enables regional communities to use the tool of capitalism to create significant wealth and economic power. As the decentralized E2M model self-replicates in other regions, communities can become as wealthy and economically powerful as large corporations resulting in an economic paradigm shift that values adequate profit and sustainable growth for the common good more than maximum profits and maximum growth for the benefit of relatively few stockholders.

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Workshop

Other Economies are Possible Peace Global Justice

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Global Justice Peace

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Seminar

Peace

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Seminar

Peace

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Workshop

Peace

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Lecture

Science & Technology

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US Labor Against the War

A workshop to discuss the opposition to the invasion and occupation of the war on Iraq within the US and international labor movement. We will discuss what's so different now than 30 years ago during the Vietnam War and what is US Labor Against the War doing to continue building opposition to the war at home and abroad amongst workers and trade unionists. What do we need to do as trade unionists, workers, and community activists to build an anti-war/pro peace consensus within the labor movement and to encourage the US labor movement to be a key player within the anti-war movement and to forge a foreign policy of peace and diplomacy - like it has throughout the world? Contact: Peter Knowlton at uedistrict2@mindspring.com

War and Globalization: Confronting Labor's Challenges in the 21st Century

The plenary will feature international, national, and local labor activists discussing the challenges facing the world labor movement today. Panelists and the audience will discuss the impact of the war in Iraq on workers around the world. It will explore the relationships and contradictions of the Bush administration's war policy to corporate globalization and international financial institutions like the World Bank and WTO. Finally the plenary will discuss how we can build stronger links of international solidarity to confront today's globalized economy. Contact: Russ Davis, Jobs With Justice, 617-524-8778 or email jwj@jwj.net

Colombia Today -- The Struggle for Peace and Against Plan Colombia

From Colombia: Fabio Arias, Coordinator General of the Grand Democratic Coalition and President of the Central Union of Workers, and Gloria Nieto, of The Permanent Assembly of Civil Society for Peace will be making a presentation on the growing movement for peace that is developing in Colombian society today. A national conference with the participation of more than 200 organizations representing the unions, and political and social organizations from all of the country's departments met in early May. The conference developed a plan for confronting the grave social and economic crisis that is facing Colombia. Issues discussed will include: the struggle for the future of Colombia, which has been devastated by Plan Colombia; the debate surrounding the FTAA and NAFTA; the Uribe regime and the campaign to extend the constitutional term limit of the presidency. Please join us for a discussion.

Cuban 5: Convicted of fighting international terrorism

Five Cubans were sentenced to long prison terms in the U.S. for trying to stop the ultra-right terrorist groups in Miami from carrying out violent actions against the people of Cuba. Since 1959, these organizations have conducted bombings and assassinations, killing hundreds of innocent Cuban civilians. The workshop will feature a video, "Leonard Weinglass on the Cuban 5," which was recorded at the National Lawyers Guild Convention workshop on the Cuban 5. Weinglass is the lawyer for one of the five. (see <http://www.freethefive.org/legal.cfm#nlgvideo>) Also featured is a presentation by Nalda Vigezzi, one of the five council members of the National Network on Cuba. She is a representative of the Network to Free the Five Coalition. presenter: July 26th Coalition

Let's Discuss Peace

Students from the Nepal Students Union invite all who are interested to join them in a discussion of Peace. What are the obstacles to peace? What can we do to promote peace? All are welcome.

Peace Between Peoples: A Bridge to Peace in Iraq

In April 2004, five U.S. citizens traveled to Iraq under the name "Peace Between Peoples." This emergency peace delegation traveled to Najaf, where U.S. forces were besieging the holiest of Shiite cities in an attempt to kill or capture the Islamic cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who has called for the withdrawal of U.S. forces. The delegation called on the U.S. military to not "become the new Saddam," and to end the occupation of Iraq. Despite the hostilities between U.S. and Iraqi forces, the delegation was received by the people of Iraq with courtesy and hospitality. The workshop will begin with an account of the delegation's visit, including a PowerPoint presentation with slides of the trip. The main emphasis will be a discussion of how ongoing non-governmental delegations might open a path to peace in Iraq by creating working relationships between social movements in both countries. presenter: Mario Galvan, national board, Peace Action

Copyright vs. Community in the Age of Computer Networks

The copyright system does not fit well with the modern world of computer networks. The draconian punishments used to enforce it benefit only global corporations vying to increase their copyright powers while suppressing public access to technology. To serve the only legitimate purpose of copyright--to promote progress, for the benefit of the public--we must create change in a new direction. Richard Stallman, founder of the GNU Project launched in 1984 to develop the free software operating system, will discuss the Free Software Movement and copyright issues in particular.

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Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Seminar

Strategic Non-Violence Peace

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Nonviolent Peaceforce: Systematic nonviolent intervention in armed conflict

Nonviolent Peaceforce trains civilians as "peace armies", currently operating in Sri Lanka, and soon in other areas of armed conflict as well. Discuss how such armies are recruited, trained, and work, and the nature of local and international support. Presented by Donna Howard, Nonviolent Peaceforce board member, US Ploughshares and Catholic Worker activist, recently back from Sri Lanka.

McCormack 210; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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Building and Sustaining a Group: Recruitment, Retention, and Leadership Development

Have you ever wondered what you accomplished all semester? Do the same 4 people do all the work for your group? Do you have half as many people come to your meetings at the end of the semester as came to your first meeting? Does your group suffer from "leadership turnover" every time your senior group members graduate? Come learn how to attract dozens of people to your meetings, get them to stay, and help everyone take ownership over the group and step up as leaders.

McCormack 213; Floor: 1

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Student & Youth

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Building the Youth and Student Wing of the Dump Bush Movement

A strategy session designed to equip youth and students with the arguments and the resources to campaign effectively around the 2004 election. The workshop will address the following questions: What's at stake in the 2004 election? How to beat the Bush agenda? What can students do to affect change? What's up with the Democrats & John Kerry? How can advocates on campus for women's rights, racial justice, LGBTQ rights, education funding, the environment, peace and civil liberties best work together? What about upcoming mobilizations like the RNC protests? How can people on the Left hold the next administration accountable and work towards a progressive governing majority? The 2004 election will be a referendum on the Bush administration and its disastrous, regressive policies. Let's make sure students and youth rise to the occasion, fighting for change in our schools, in our communities, in the streets, at the ballot box and beyond!

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

Water

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Stop the Pumping--Effective Organizing on Bottled and Bulk Water

This interactive workshop will be used to further explore Pumping for Profit as they were presented during the accompanying panel discussion given by Annette Smith of Vermonters for a Clean Environment, Olivia Zink of Save Our Groundwater and Hiroshi Kanno of Concerned Citizens of Newport WI.

Wheatley 123; Floor: 2

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Water
Global Justice*

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Trade Agreements and World Bank/IMF Promote Corporate Water Privatization

Learn more about what they are up to and how you can make a difference. Led by Ruth Caplan, Maj Fiil-Flynn and Ruth Herrera

McCormack 430; Floor: 3

Events IX (Sunday 10:00-12:00)

Workshop

*Women's Liberation
Health
Economy*

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Organize For Over-the -Counter Access to the Morning-After Pill

Feminist organizers, using the grassroots feminist method of the Speakout, truth-telling about personal experience, can add a big push to the already mobilized national campaign to win an easier, cheaper access to the Morning-After Pill (MAP) by eliminating the prescription requirement. The MAP, a specific dose of birth control pills taken within 72 hours of unprotected sex, is an easy way to prevent pregnancy. Getting the MAP "over the counter" will make it even easier! On May 6th, the FDA ruled against women, against the advice of the medical community, and against the opinion of its own advisory committees by refusing over-the-counter access to the Morning-After Pill. A new petition will be submitted to the FDA, but will include age restrictions preventing access to women 16 or younger. Feminists can organize campaigns utilizing speakouts, consciousness-raising and other feminist principles to win over-the-counter access to the MAP.

11:00am - 12:00pm

Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

11:00am - 12:00pm

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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Women's Web--A Feminist Agenda
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Global Women's Strike: Invest in Caring Not Killing

We will describe the process of women working together across national boundaries despite barriers of language, race, class, lack of electricity and even post, to win local demands such as boreholes for water in Uganda and legislation for domestic workers in Peru, as well as to advance women's concerns and priorities in every country. With featured speaker, Margaret Prescod.

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Lecture

*Anti-Poverty Track
Global Justice
Movement Building*

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Lecture

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Film Screening

*BSF Film Series
Labor Jobs & the New England Eco*

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Low-income Activists Speakout!

A speak-out by low-income activists - a chance to learn from each other and for others to learn from those of us in the forefront of the battle for economic justice, the experts. Topics include, housing, homelessness, welfare and safety net issues, immigrants, environmental justice, low-wage work, contingent work, lack of healthcare and health coverage, etc

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McCormack Cafeteria; Floor: 3

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

*Climate Change
Environment
Water*

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Climate Change: Catastrophic Consequences and How to Avert Disaster!

Ross Gelbspan, Pulitzer Prize winning author of "The Heat is On" and now author of a book to be published in July 2004: BOILING POINT: How Politicians, Big Oil and Coal, Journalists, and Activists Have Fueled the Climate Crisis -- And What We Can Do To Avert Disaster Prof. Barrett N. Rock University of New Hampshire Complex Systems Research Center and Institute for the Study of Earth, Oceans, and Space. Demonstrating the Science of Climate Change Dr. Michael Charney Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Massachusetts Climate Action Network (MCAN) Co-Founder and Co-Chair of the Green Building Coalition Publisher, the Cambridge Climate Calendar Climate Change Activism: How to build the movement in your own community. Dr. Frank Ackerman Research Director Global Development and Environment Institute Tufts. What's Wrong with the Economic Critique-- What Economists Don't Know About Climate Change Dr. William Moomaw Professor of International Environmental Policy Director of the Center for International Environment and Resource Policy Senior Director, Tufts Institute of the Environment; Science Advisory Committee, Earthwatch. Speaking on Climate Change Crisis as Impetus for International Cooperation

McCormack 206; Floor: 1

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Seminar

Democracy

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Democracy in Peril -- How to Expand the Electorate and Challenge Winner-Take-All Elections

This hands-on seminar will provide both information and activist suggestions as a preview of the Center for Voting and Democracy's July 26 event on "Democracy in Peril" at Suffolk University - -that July 26 event will feature Rev. Jesse Jackson, Congressman Jesse Jackson Jr. , "Overruling Democracy" author Jamin Raskin and many more. Raskin will join the Center's Rob Richie and Boston-area reformers to discuss strategies for adding a right to vote in the U.S. Constitution, adopting instant runoff voting and proportional representation in states and building a pro-democracy movement to secure, enhance and exercise the vote.

McCormack 212; Floor: 1

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Other

Democracy

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Pledging Integrity - Creating a Revolution/Evolution for the Democratic Convention

Creating a Revolution/Evolution for the Democratic Convention, supporting Delegates honoring Thomas Jefferson's wisdom that: "Just to keep the government honest we need a revolution at least once every hundred years." Ensuring that Delegates know that they are not required to vote for whom they are pledged. Delegates are required to vote integrity. Enrolling Delegates in Pledging Integrity.

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Wheatley 61; Floor: 1
Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop
Environment

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop
Environment
Challenging Corporate Power
Health

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Other
Faith
Movement Building
Peace

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop
Fund the Dream
Global Justice
Other Economies are Possible

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Panel Discussion
Funding Our Movement

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop
GLBT track

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Other
GLBT track
Women's Web/Feminist Agenda
Faith

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Global Classroom--Portraits of a Rain Forest: A visual expedition into the heart of the tropical rain forests of Costa Rica

MEG WINCHELL AND COLIN GARLAND provide insight into an environmental "Eco-Action" service program run entirely by volunteers. If you are ready to get out there in the world and make a difference this is a gathering you should not miss. Join master animal tracker, wildlife photographer, conservationist, environmental educator and world traveler Colin Garland as he tracks big cats, records endangered quetzals and hands suspended from the canopy in search of the world's smallest orchid. Join them as that take on the task of putting "ECO" back into eco-travel.

Protecting Our Children From ChemLawn and Toxic Pesticides

Everyone wants a green lawn, but not at the cost of our children's health. Lawn pesticide use by companies like TruGreen ChemLawn is increasing. But what we aren't told is that ChemLawn's pesticides are linked to serious environmental and public health effects, even when applied correctly. Pesticides that ChemLawn is promoting and calling safe are actually very dangerous. Come to this workshop and find out what you can do to protect your lawn, your children, and our environment from toxic pesticides. This workshop will be led by Jay Rasku and Will Everitt, Field Directors, Toxics Action Center.

TIKKUN: Community Building: Making Connections

This is an opportunity for people who have newly encountered the Tikkun Community at our BSF events, or have not yet but would like to, and for Tikkun members from near and far, to gather for some structured community-building activities, sharing and learning about what Tikkun Communities are doing in Boston and around the country and how you can plug into it, and informally getting to know one another over some refreshments (in the vernacular, "schmoozing with a little nosh").

Paying for Injustice (part 2): reparations for Slavery and Colonialism in North America and Worldwide

This one-and-a-half hour workshop will be an open discussion of issues raised by the first part of the workshop, and a brainstorm about next steps, and about how to link the various reparations movements presented in the first workshop more closely. These reparations movements are: 1. reparations to African Americans for slavery and continuing inequality. 2. reparations to communities of color for criminalization. 3. reparations to South Africans for Apartheid. 4. reparations to Haitians for slavery and colonialism. 5. reparations to communities (especially indigenous peoples) worldwide who are forcibly displaced for dams, mines, etc.

Social Change Foundations Speak about Their Mission and Process

Representatives from local social change foundations will talk about their approach to funding social movements.

Bridging Cultural Gaps in the Movement for Same-Sex Marriage

As we move forward to protect equal marriage rights for same-sex couples in Massachusetts, we face many challenges. Bridging the gap between culturally different communities is essential to preserving marriage rights for same-sex couples and defeating right wing attempts to undermine equality in Massachusetts. Many in diverse communities have contributed to the movement, but all too often we work in isolation, struggling to be recognized or inclusive. This workshop is designed to create connections, open dialogue, and foster collaboration between leaders in diverse communities throughout the state.

Same-sex Marriage: Today's Civil Rights Movement

In "My Sister, My Bride" take a heart-warming and historic journey with two women, J. Farrell Cafferata and Caren Jenkins. Partners for five years, Farrell and Caren want to officially celebrate their commitment like any other couple in love. However, they do not have the same legal rights as any other couple. First meet Farrell and Caren at their B'rit Ahuvah, a Jewish commitment ceremony in Nevada in October 2002. Two years later, when San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom, in a ground breaking act, ordered the County Clerk to begin issuing same-sex marriage licenses, Farrell and Caren come to be married at San Francisco City Hall in a civil ceremony. Together with thousands of other hopeful couples, they participate in what has become a defining moment in the on-going struggle for equality in this country. A story of love, marriage and the Constitution.

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Wheatley 41; Floor: 1
Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop
Global Justice
Peace
Economy

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Panel Discussion
Global Justice
Democracy
Movement Building

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Workshop
Health
Immigration

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McCormack 418; Floor: 1

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Workshop
Health
Immigration

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Panel Discussion
Immigration
Movement Building

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)
Workshop
International Peace Conference - A

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Healey Library Media Presentation Room 4; Floor:
Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Film Screening
Israel-Palestine Conference

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Creating the World Future Council for Ethical Global Leadership

Help create the World Future Council—a global council of 100 wise elders, youth leaders and pioneers—that will be a moral compass for the world. Once established, EarthAction's global network of 2,200 civil society organizations in 163 countries, and other networks, will press governments to support the Council's policy recommendations. The World Future Council Initiative needs your help to create this new global institution.

The Future of Social Forums

The Social Forum-process is spreading around the world. A national forum is anticipated for the US in 2005. This panel will provide diverse perspectives on the process and its contribution to building social change movements. Panelists include several Boston Social Forum organizers Maria Aguiar (Grassroots), Joe Gerson (AFSC), Barbara Salvaterra (JwJ), and Suren Moodliar (NAFFE).

Taking Action: Addressing Racial and Ethnic Inequities in Health Outcomes

Barbara Ferrer, Ph.D., MPH Deputy Director, Boston Public Health Commission and representatives from community coalitions working in Boston to eliminate racial and ethnic disparities in health will discuss how racism contributes to racial and ethnic disparities in health outcomes and will offer a framework to guide the development of strategies aimed at eliminating longstanding inequities in health. Session Objectives: 1)Present background information on racial disparities in health, 2)Identify mechanisms by which racism contributes to racial disparities in health, 3)Offer a framework for initiating undoing racism efforts as part of a public health agenda

The Challenges of Immigrant Access to Health Care

Come and see a play showing the barriers immigrants face in accessing health care. Whether if it is because of language barriers or fear of deportation, the issues faced by this group of people are enormous and immigrants a lot of the time are not getting the care they need and deserve. This workshop will be informative and educative, with great speakers who are on the frontline dealing with the "minority majority" immigrant group of this country. Come and listen to real stories from people suffering in the current health system and find out how to make a difference in these people's lives. The panel will be facilitated by Dayanne Leal from Health Care For All.

The New Voices of Immigration: The Cry of White Fear and the Voice of Immigrant America

Part I: Chip Berlet of Political Research Associates will set the historical context of the right-wing nativist movement, and Roberto Lovato, an author and former immigrants' rights activist who writes about white fear for several publications including The Nation, Salon and other media outlets will discuss how excluding white fear from the immigration debate leads to a lopsided debate that leaves immigrants rights advocates in a perpetual -and mostly losing- defensive position. Part II: Immigrants from different nations will speak about their reality, as it relates to anti-immigrant arguments Part III: A facilitated discussion of next steps for the movement

Common Struggles, Common Dreams: South Asians for Social Justice There & Here

This workshop will be conducted in conjunction with the U.S. Hegemony & Pre-Emptive War Conference, which is part of the larger "A World Working Together for Peace" track organized by the American Friends Service Committee, the European Network for Peace and Human Rights, and other organizations. Movements for social justice in South Asia and amongst South Asians in America have proliferated in recent years in response to growing social and gender inequalities, suppression of democratic rights of workers, and environmental degradation in the name of development. This workshop is intended to begin a dialogue between activists from South Asia and progressive South Asians in the US to learn from each other, to emphasize the commonality of our struggles, and to build solidarities across borders.

It's No Dream (60min) documentary; The Children of Ibdada: To Create Something Out of Nothing (30 min) documentary by S. Smith Patrick

An examination of the views of conscientious objectors—"refuseniks"—within the Israeli military who refuse to be deployed in the Occupied Territories. Israelis relate how they've come to feel that their country is being held hostage to the radical ideology of settlers. A devastating indictment of the Israeli occupation of Palestinian lands, seen through newly opened eyes. The Children of Ibdada: To Create Something Out of Nothing: A children's dance troupe from Dheishah refugee camp in the West Bank use their performance to express the history, struggle, and aspirations of the Palestinian people, specifically the right to return to their homeland.

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

McCormack 208; Floor: 1
Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Poisoning Palestine: Israel's Use of Chemical Agents Against Civilians

This workshop will survey the use of known and unknown toxic chemical agents by Israeli forces since 2001. We will focus on the repeated deployment of incapacitating poison gas(es) against Palestinian demonstrators and neighborhoods, including recent reported incidents in Zawiya and Nablus. The documentary evidence, including film (James Longley's "Gaza Strip" and the BBC's "Israel's Secret Weapon"), eyewitness testimony, canister photos, etc. will be presented and discussed. We will also briefly review the health impacts of chronically excessive tear gas, the spraying of civilians with Monsanto RoundUp, nuclear waste contamination at Dimona, and the escalating toxic threat to Palestinian civilians on both sides of the Green Line. Opportunities for progress in exposing, investigating and curbing these abuses will be discussed. James Brooks is a writer, activist, and volunteer webmaster for Vermonters for a Just Peace in Palestine/Israel (www.vtp.org). A former business owner and past vice-president of the National Assn. of Equine Supplement Manufacturers, Brooks currently serves as marketing director for Infra-red Analyzers, Inc. of Williston, VT. Brooks' articles on the Middle East have been widely published on the internet.

McCormack 209; Floor: 1
Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Israel-Palestine Conference

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Strategies for Building the Movement Against the Occupation: Learning Lessons from the South African Liberation Movement

An exciting workshop for activists to discuss effective ways of building a movement in the US to end the Israeli occupation of Palestine and to plan future joint actions. Presentation and facilitation by Dennis Brutus. Poet, teacher, freedom fighter. Known as the "singing voice of the South African Liberation Movement". Incarcerated at Robben Island with Nelson Mandela. Moderator, Marilyn Levin Israel/Palestine Task Force of United with Justice for Peace

Wheatley 64; Floor: 1

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Lifestyles & Personal Choices

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Let's Release The Miracle of Hemp III

The Massachusetts Cannabis Reform Coalition (MassCann), in conjunction with The National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws (NORML) and local cannabis activists, present "The Hemposium," a symposium on the ecological, medicinal and other cultural benefits of the cannabis plant. A series of moderated speaker panels (c. 40-60 minutes each) will address topics such as: Hemp for Fuel, Food & Fiber; Medical Cannabis; Drug Prohibition and Censorship; Hemp Cultivation Across the Globe; and A History of Marijuana Policy Reform, 1964-present. The Hemposium will also feature visual displays produced by the November Coalition ("Faces of the Drug War"). Free literature will be distributed and there will be hemp products on display. Hemp-friendly musical entertainment will be provided between panels. The prohibition of cannabis is not only an issue of politics, criminal justice, faith, or culture, but involves each of them.

Wheatley 200; Floor: 2

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Other

Localization Economy

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Gentrification of Neighborhoods of People of Color in Boston

Workshop "Gentrification of Neighborhoods of People of Color in Boston" -Panel format- Sponsored by Community Change Inc. Chuck Turner (District 7 Boston City Councilor)- The History of Segregation and White Control of Neighborhoods in Boston. Lydia Lowe (Coordinator for the Chinese Progressive Association)- The Battle to Save Chinatown. City Life- Organizing Neighborhoods to defend themselves against gentrification. Boston Tenant Coalition-Boston Community Stabilization Act: Protections for Tenants and Small Property Owners. Felix Arroyo (At large Boston City Councilor)- Overall Picture for the Future-The Good and The Bad.

Healey Library Media Auditorium - LL-135; Floor:

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

Media Movement Building Global Justice

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IndyMedia and Community Media Centers: a Local-to-Global Model of Building Independent Media

In 1999 community and independent Media worldwide knew in advance that the reasons for the historic protest against corporate-led globalization in Seattle would not be articulated in major Media. So a loose coalition of journalists, producers, technicians and activists made an end run around the mainline Media. An Independent Media Center (IMC) was born. In some cases, entirely new Media forms of expression and delivery are evolving from grass roots Media centers around the world. This workshop will focus on Media centers as agents of progressive social change. What stands in the way of more intensive, racially diverse civic production of the journalism that informs our communities? Presenters include: Fred Johnson, Community Media & Technology Program, College of Public & Community Service, UMass-Boston; Michael Eisenmenger, NYC IndyMedia, Manhattan Neighborhood Network TV; John Grebe, Boston IndyMedia, "Sounds of Dissent" radio news WZBC 90.3 radio.

Healey Library Media Conference Room; Floor:

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

Media Fund the Dream

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Whitewashing Media

Racial inequality, division and oppression are kept invisible to much of America. Race in Media is important as an advertising demographic--and little else--to large Media corporations. How are images of race and ethnicity playing in the major Media and the smaller local and community Media? Presenters include: Makani Themba-Nixon, The Praxis Project, Washington, D.C.; Esther Iverem, journalist, founder and editor of SeeingBlack.com; and Karen Carrillo, freelance journalist, Global Information Network, New York.

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Science Center 62; Floor: 2

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Movement Building

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Lecture

Movement Building

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

Other Economies are Possible Economy Environment

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Other

Other Economies are Possible Movement Building Economy

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Film Screening

Peace

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Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Peace

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Coaching Skills for Activists

As activists and social change agents we participate in many groups: organizations, campaign/organizing teams, networks,, affinity groups, etc. Communication is central to all good working relationships: the ability to go to the heart of a matter and present your view in a way that others can hear it, the ability to respond appropriately and powerfully to others, the ability to give useful feedback, negotiating in a way that creates win/wins, etc. Coaching skills are powerful tools for both upgrading your communication skills as well as increasing your emotional intelligence. Coaching tools also help us all look at how we and our organizations walk our talk and model the values that are central to our work, to be the change we want to create in the world. If we work for peace, or sustainability, we must be vigilant in watching for ways we do violence to each other, or how we live unsustainable lives which undermine our long term impact.

Peter Miguel Camejo & Ralph Nader: Shifting the Power - Rebuilding Democracy

This election is dominated by fear -- the Republicans play on the fear of terrorism and the Democrats play on the fear of Bush. One of the goals of the Nader-Camejo campaign is to free voters from fear so they can vote their conscience, their interests and their dreams.

Conservation of Inequity? No Thanks! Environmental Sustainability Meets Economic Justice

The poor, whether rural or urban, are the first to suffer from environmental damage and depletion. For years the inner cities of America have borne the brunt of pollution along with economic disinvestments. How can development, justice, and environmental wisdom combine to turn this situation on its head? Come learn about the economics of a green and just world. Speakers-- Omar Freilla (Green Workers Cooperatives, The Bronx, NY); Ed Connelly (New Ecology, Boston, MA); Others TBA

Organizing for a Cooperative Economy in New England and Beyond (open discussion)

The movement for an economy based on cooperation and solidarity is vast and diverse - full of ideas, exciting experiments, and people working hard on the ground for a better life. How can we unite our energies to spread these projects and ideas throughout our communities? What should we be doing to link up with people and projects internationally? Participants will include-- Stacey Cordeiro (Cooperative Development Institute); Len Krimerman (Grassroots Economic Organizing Newsletter; Rebecca Johnson (Cooperative Economics for Women); Noemi Giszpenec (Ownership Associates); Fr. Randy Eldridge (HOME Co-op and Alliance 21); and others. This discussion is open to all!

Nonviolent Communication Workshop

A two hour introductory overview to Nonviolent Communication, the work of Marshall Rosenberg. Nonviolent Communication (NVC) is a process for inspiring compassionate connection and action. NVC is a tool for helping prevent and resolve conflicts and facilitate communication that helps everyone get their needs met. This workshop will be interactive, with the audience working with whatever issues they have alive in them. We will practice translating our passionate judgements, analyses and evaluations into our feelings and needs so that our chances of being heard and understood by those in power will increase. NVC training emphasizes personal responsibility for our choices and having our words motivated by compassion, rather than by fear, guilt or shame.

The Peace Patriots -- Video Preview and Discussion of National Screening/Speaking Tour as organizing tool

Award-winning, nationally acclaimed independent filmmaker Robbie Leppzer (AN ACT OF CONSCIENCE) will screen a work-in-progress edit of his latest feature documentary, THE PEACE PATRIOTS, which chronicles the dramatic events of protest and resistance in the weeks leading up to and during the U.S. military invasion of Iraq. This 56-minute film is an intimate personal portrait of a diverse group of peace activists and their response to war. Ranging in age from 13 to 74, this feature documentary follows the activities of middle and high school students, college students, a Quaker community organizer and war veterans from the Persian Gulf, Vietnam and Korean wars. The activists take part in community protests, marches and rallies, and campus teach-ins. Leppzer is looking for local organizers to host community and campus showings of this film in September and October as a way to galvanize anti-war organizing efforts leading up to the elections. Contact 1-800-557-6414.

The Possibilities of City Peace Commissions

How can municipalities support local and global agendas for peace and justice??? What are ways for community folks to connect and have an impact on a variety of issues like violence, militarism, budget cuts, civil liberties, and education? Please join representatives from the New Haven and Cambridge Peace Commissions in a discussion. These Peace commissions have worked to connect with sister cities, passed resolutions on issues from the death penalty to the PATRIOT ACT, fostered peace education in the schools and been a forum for celebrating our communities.

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Healey Library University Club; Floor: 11

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

Science & Technology

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Towards Sustainable Transportation

This panel discussion compares and contrasts strategies for advancing sustainable transport domestically and abroad. Panelists include academics working on multi-stakeholder sustainable transportation projects in India, China and Mexico, Khalida Small from the T Riders Union, a community group mobilizing transport users to demand for more equitable public transport in Boston and a representative from Bikes Not Bombs, a local Boston organization that promotes bicycling in the innercity and internationally by helping to set up locally run bicycle shops.

Wheatley 57; Floor: 1

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

*Strategic Non-Violence
Global Justice
Science & Technology*

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Nuclear Terror from Space

Arsenal of Hypocrisy documentary film & discussion with Bruce Gagnon, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space. "Unbelievable" but true history and technology of US space weaponization as an agency of terrestrial control. Social and political implications; citizen action. www.space4peace.org

McCormack 430; Floor: 3

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

Student & Youth

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International Perspectives on Student Movement Organizing

Student movements around the world have led successful campaigns to defend the rights of young people to universal quality education, decent housing, meaningful job opportunities, and more. At the same time, these movements, lead by powerful national student unions, have built their own student-run institutions to provide their members with everything from affordable healthcare to cheap travel discounts. In the U.S. there is essentially no comparable national student movement, let alone one that is capable of conducting large-scale student strikes. In this panel discussion, international student movement leaders will share their perspectives on organizing and draw lessons that U.S. students can use to build a more effective movement in this country. The panel will offer a comparative examination of the structural, political and cultural realities that can determine the success of student movements. Invited speakers include leaders from the Canadian Federation of Students and the French National Student Union (each representing hundreds of thousands of students) along with members of the International Union of Socialist Youth - the world's largest youth political coalition.

McCormack 210; Floor: 1

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Student & Youth

Contact Information:

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Running Fun and Effective Meetings

Ever been to a meeting that seems directionless and unproductive? Ever been to a meeting where a few people dominate discussion? Ever been to a meeting so boring it made you want to fall asleep? At the end of a meeting ever wonder what you accomplished? This workshop will help you learn how to avoid all these problems and ensure that your meetings will make people want to keep coming back. Topics covered include: Facilitation techniques, useful exercises, trouble-shooting common problems, hand-signals, meeting roles, preparation and follow-up, and more.

McCormack 407; Floor: 3

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Panel Discussion

*Water
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Taking on the Water Barons: Where do we go from here?

The closing plenary of the water track will feature spirited presentations from Ruth Caplan of the Water Allies Network, Ryan Case of the Water Stewards Network, Tom Goldtooth of Indigenous Environmental Network, and Carl Flecker of the Polaris Institute in Canada. Ali Hebshi will chair the session.

Wheatley 127; Floor: 2

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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America's Checkbook: What It Looks Like and What It Has to Say About Our Nation

The presentation examines federal budget priorities as reflected by how we spend our money. Barbara Hildt and Suleyken Walker will make the connection between fiscal and military policy on Capitol Hill and our lives on the state and local level. The emphasis will be on the importance of women's participation in the political process as a means to change the way this nation spends its money. Barbara Hildt is a former State Representative and served as the president of Women's Alternatives for New Directions (WAND) from 1996-1999. She is the founding director of Youth Empowerment Services (YES) which focuses on violence prevention. Suleyken Walker is a past executive director of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators and longtime advocate for increasing women's participation in the political process. With Barbara Hildt, she currently serves on the national board of WAND, and organization that advocates the reduction of military spending.

Wheatley 124; Floor: 2

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Workshop

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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Women's Web

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Connecting Human Security to the Realization of Human Rights

Despite government's insistence that "security" lies in militarism, policing, and punishment, increasing numbers of people realize that there can be no real human security without human rights. This workshop will discuss the crucial relevance of human rights to human security, emphasizing implementation at the state level. Amy Agigian, Ph.D., is Associate Professor of Sociology at Suffolk University (Boston), where she is Founding Director of the Center for Women's Health and Human Rights. Her new book *Baby Steps: How Lesbian Alternative Insemination is Changing the World*, is published by Wesleyan University Press. Lawrence Curry has been a member of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives since 1993. He has worked successfully to bring his state's legislation into compliance with international human rights standards.

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Wheatley Peace Tent; Floor:

Events X (Sunday 2:30-4:00)

Other

Women's Web/Feminist Agenda

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State of Grace

A staged reading of a new play, "State of Grace," based on the work of Grace Paley, poet and peace activist, presented by the Underground Railway Theater. Grace Paley, Vermont State Poet, will be present to speak and answer questions after the reading. Deborah Wise is the director and producer of this work. She has been producing works with social impact for the last 25 years. Grace Paley is the author of *The Little Disturbances of Man*, *Enormous Changes at the Last Minute*, *Later the Same Day*, *The Collected Stories*, *New and Collected Poems*, and a gathering of essays, *Just As I Thought*. Her many honors include a National Endowment for the Arts Senior fellowship, a Guggenheim fellowship in fiction, the National Institute of Arts and Letters Award for short story writing, a Lannan Award, and a citation as the First Official New York State Writer. She is a member of the War Resister's League, the Women's Pentagon Action, and she has long been an influential member of PEN, the international association of writers.

My Time Table

Exhibits and Cultural Activities

Friday

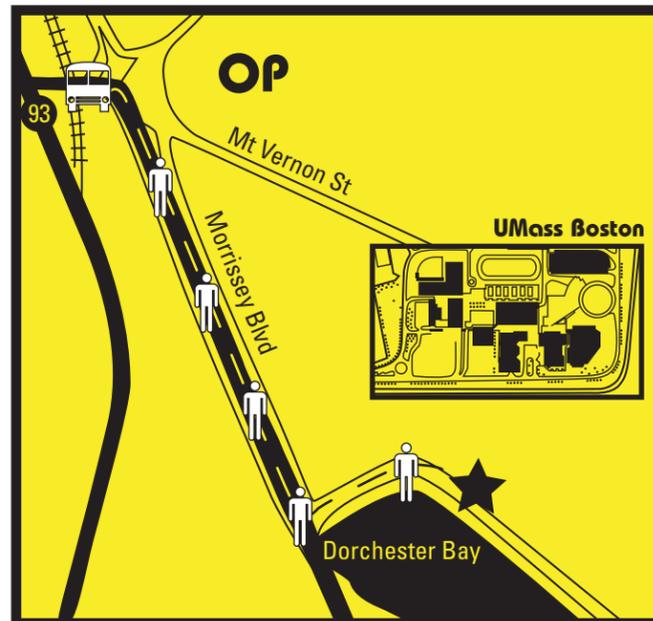
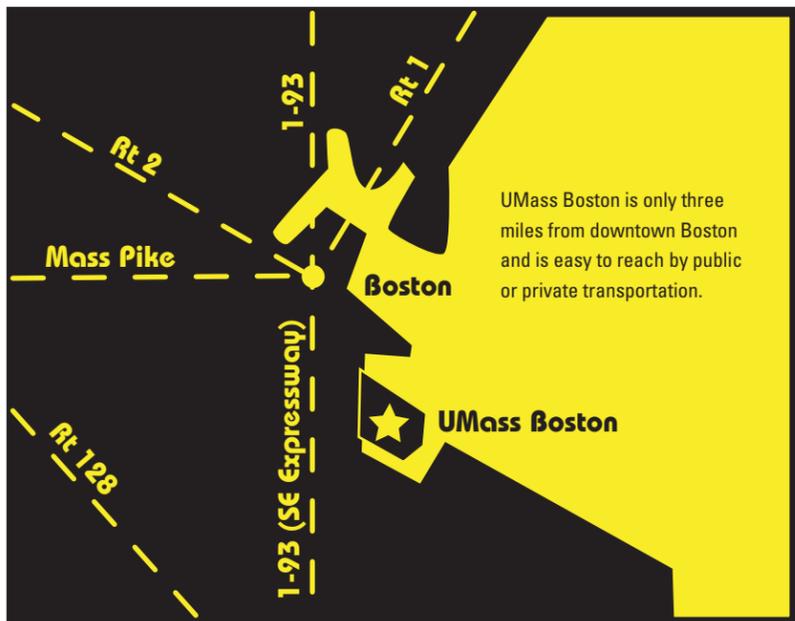
Saturday

Sunday

Directions to the Boston Social Forum

Due to DNC-related activities, regular transportation routes may be changed. Please visit our website for updates on the best means to access the Social Forum. In addition, the MBTA, is conducting random ID checks on commuters.

If you are unwilling to deal with this, contact your community-based organization to see if it is participating in the Boston Social Forum and whether or not they have made alternative transportation arrangements with the BSF office.



Subway: Take the Red Line to JFK/UMass Station. A free shuttle bus will take you to the campus.

Commuter Rail: Take the commuter rail to the JFK/UMass station from the South Shore on the Middleboro and Plymouth lines.

Bus: Kenmore Square stop (service all day): the Number 8 bus; the last one leaves campus at 1 a.m. Forest Hills stop (rush hour only): the Number 16.

By car from the north

Take Interstate 93 South through Boston to exit 15 (JFK Library/South Boston/Dorchester) and follow the University of Massachusetts signs along Columbia Road and Morrissey Boulevard to the campus.

By car from the south

Take Interstate 93 North to exit 14 (JFK Library/Morrissey Boulevard) and follow Morrissey Boulevard north to the campus.

By car from the west

Take the Massachusetts Turnpike (Interstate 90) east to Interstate 93. Take I-93 South one mile to exit 15 (JFK Library/South Boston/Dorchester) and follow the University of Massachusetts signs along Columbia Road and Morrissey Boulevard to the campus.

From Boston-Logan Airport

Take the subway's Blue Line to and from the airport. It takes you to downtown Boston. To get directly from the airport to UMass Boston, you should take the Blue line (inbound) to the State Street Station and transfer to the Orange Line (inbound); at the Quincy or Braintree. Take the Red Line to the JFK/UMass Station (4 stops/stations from Downtown Crossing).

UMass-Boston Parking fees

\$6 per single use. More information on over-flow parking near the shuttle bus stop will be available soon.

Useful websites

- www.mbta.com
- massport.com/logan
- boston04.com

All buildings except the Clark Center and Service Building are connected by a second-floor catwalk.

For information on housing and ride-share options, please visit the BSF Plug In page. www.bostonsocialforum.org

Emergencies

In the event of an emergency, dial 911 at any of the campus phones. By cell phone, dial 617.287.1212

Campus Map

