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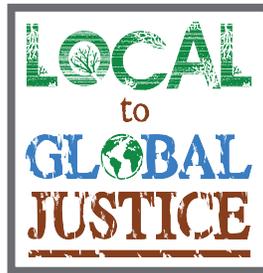
Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival



RACIAL JUSTICE

forum discussions • workshops • live music • healthy food
kids' activities • yoga & meditation • all free!

Opening Night
Friday, Feb. 26
Phoenix Hostel,
1026 N 9th St, Phx



Saturday, Feb. 27-
Sunday, Feb. 28
ASU Tempe Campus,
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Schedule with Descriptions

Friday, 2/16 6:00 – 8:30pm

Opening night– Phoenix Hostel & Cultural Center

1026 N. 9th St., Phoenix

Performances by Rashaad Thomas, Shiloh & MysticBlue

Catering by Mario Etsitty

Saturday, 2/27

Check-in beginning 8:15 Farmer (north side of atrium)

8:30-9:20am: Morning mind, body & soul –Jennifer Hoeprich – L1-27 Payne (lower level)

9:30-10:20am

Compassionate Connection – Sylvia M. Boutilier, J.D. – Coor L1-74 (lower level)

Compassionate Communication, based on Marshall Rosenberg's work on Nonviolent Communication, encompasses empathetic and active listening, NVC's unique language. Satisfying the most basic needs for connection, to be heard and understood while acknowledging the other's feelings and needs- clears the way for a new flow of awareness of self and the other- effectively breaking down psychological, political, and racial/ethnic armoring/walls of separation. Q and A, handouts-and support provided!

Microaggressions – Christian F. Johnson, Quiana Dickenson and Venus Henderson-Hughes ,Wholistic Counseling & Wellness Alternatives – Coor 120

This workshop will be a participatory and discuss the impact microaggressions, microinsults, and racial bias have on preventing safe spaces for holistic health development in youth of color. The workshop will provide tips and suggestions to increase consciousness, eliminate hidden bias as providers and educators, and identify solutions to advocate for safe learning and supportive spaces for youth of color.

Negroes: The most profitable invention of the last 500 years – Kavion Thomas – Coor 195

The economic effect slavery had on the American and European empires is greatly misunderstood and downplayed in our current society. Through purposeful miseducation western society has cemented the illusion that it got its wealth from its own ingenuity and not the blood and sweat of the enslaved and colonized. What is even more misunderstood here in America is the effect slavery has had on the descendants of the enslaved. Africans with no knowledge of self and cultural ties to Europe are an

invention, one that has led to the massive wealth inequality we see today with the majority of the wealth still in the hands of slave families.

From Global to Local Coffee: Fair Trade & Economic Justice – Ron Cortez & Aisha Osman – Coor 186

Direct trade coffee from Africa to Tempe. Ron Cortez, a local coffee roaster, and Aisha Osman, an Ethiopian coffee importer, will discuss why it is so difficult for a small farmer to reach customers on the other side of the world and why the general public support of this movement is the only way to achieve true sustainability. They will also discuss the subtle differences behind third party labels and why sometimes they don't mean direct trade. Finally and the amazing efforts made by small coffee growers and the micro coffee production can change the big business mindset of the commodity coffee business.

Children/Youth - My Pals have Paws – Virginia and Keith Coco – Playground (north of Farmer, rain location L1-27 Payne, lower level)

Puppies are powerful role models. Come learn about how to teach your dog manners and learn more about the world from the eyes of a dog! Don't have a dog? Help a dog find a forever home by teaches them the basics. Dogs provided for class.

10:35-11:25am

Race and Abortion/Reproductive Rights – Liberty Project – Coor 186

This workshop will involve a discussion about race as it pertains to abortion in the United States. Public perceptions will be compared and contrasted to data collected through various studies.

Resisting Oblivion after “That Peculiar Institution” – Clottee Hammons, Emancipation Media Arts & Prevention Services – Coor L1-74 (lower level)

African Americans lead or are placed highly in every negative disparity. The trajectory of American Chattel Slavery has made these outcomes inevitable; while revisionist history has actively obscured slave labor (specifically of African people and people of African descent) as the foundation of American wealth and power. For the past 18 years I have commemorated the victims of that "peculiar institution" by holding public readings at the annual Emancipation Marathon. Through this study, combined with my practical experience as a Prevention Specialist, I have derived solutions for community- building.

Fierce Mamas Rising: Navigating the Terrain of Motherhood as Formerly Incarcerated Women – Grace Gamez – Coor 120

The presentation, *Fierce Mama's Rising*, centers the personal testimonies of mothers who have been system involved. Their stories reveal the obstacles mothers face post-punishment, and also describe the ways mothers- in conditions of unfreedom- navigate and negotiate barriers in order to perform their roles as mothers. By adapting pre-existing skills, they not only survive, they come to challenge common-sense notions

around “ideal” mothering, justice, and freedom. I named their adaptations, *fierce mothering/motherhood*. Fierce mothering is both a social position and social practice.

Panel: Maroon Riders – Onykachi Ekeogu – Coor 195

Maroon Riders is a cycling group dedicated to meeting once a month to learn about histories of People of Color in Arizona by way of the bicycle. At this moment in time, justice is on many people's mind. The question of justice is as much about the present and future as much as the past for many of us. In this workshop, we introduce the Tempe community to Maroon Riders and convene to have a conversation about Arizona's ethnic history.

Children/Youth: Find your Rhythm – Virginia and Keith Coco – Playground (rain location L1-27 Payne, lower level)

Join the circle and find your inner rhythm.

A drum circle is a fun, family friendly event, where people empower each other while celebrating community and life through rhythm and music. People of all levels of musical expertise are welcome to share their rhythmical spirit with whatever drums and percussion instruments available. You do NOT have to be a drummer to participate. Everyone has something to offer the circle, and any one is welcome.

The spirit and magic of rhythm expressed on drums and percussion instruments cuts through all ages, sexes, religions, races and cultures. "Rhythm", as Gabriel Roth says, "is the mother tongue." Rhythm is a universal language known to every one, even the youngest child, if we can just "remember."

All are welcome to help create this year’s mural with Lucinda Yrene and a fiber art installation with Melanie Weaver near the tabling area – all ages; rain location Payne atrium.

11:40am-12:30pm

Panel: History of Police Institution – ASU Law National Lawyers Guild – Coor 120

Exploration of the history of the institution of police in America. The workshop will explore the institution's beginnings, evolutions, and shed light on how by understanding the history of this institution relates to the institution of police in America today.

Audacity and the spirit of activism – Chris Chavers – Coor 195

I would like to address the idea of "audacity" and how the notion of what gives people the confidence to fight for social justice. In many ways social justice work goes against societal norms in the way that we are challenging the dominant paradigm. That concept takes confidence not only in yourself, but in the idea being the correct way the world should view justice as a whole. We should explore what that confidence looks like, and how that confidence is viewed by dominant voices in society.

The Treatment Industrial Complex – Emily Verdugo, American Friends Service Committee – Coor 186

In an effort to preserve and increase their profits, for-profit prison corporations are continually expanding and diversifying their scope of service. The result is an emerging “Treatment Industrial Complex” (TIC). This workshop will explain why this development is a threat to sentencing reform efforts and runs contrary to evidence based practices in the fields of diversion, reentry, and alternatives to incarceration. It will describe how for-profit prison corporations’ involvement in community corrections has the potential to “widen the net” of individuals under control of the criminal justice system, particularly people of color.

The Process of Building Coalitions – People Demanding Action Community Coalition, Joanne Scott Woods and Geoff Woods; Somos America Coalition, Robert Reveles and Margarito Blancas; and Phoenix SURJ (Showing Up for Racial Justice), Ben Laughlin – Coor 184

This workshop addresses how racial justice coalitions have formed in response to crises, have taken the initial steps of stating goals and followed by developing strategies to confront racism, and have maintained on-going policy campaigns to win concrete changes at the city, county and state levels.

Children/Youth: Building Communities with Stories of Justice – Gladys Preshenda Jackson, storyteller – Playground north of Farmer (rain location L1-27 Payne, lower level)

Lunch & Music 12:30-2:00pm Catered by Green Vegetarian – Farmer Atrium

Music: Tom Neilson & Shay Shay

Dr. Tom Neilson is a folk musician whose lyrics are celebrated for their sophistication, political astuteness, and wit. Combining art with activism, he has been at the for-front in helping communities organize for safe energy, human rights, peace and justice, and free and equal elections. His award-winning songs of humor, compassion, and political affairs have been performed in 21 countries on 5 continents. Politically cutting-edge and very funny; his raucous satire and quick wit combine art and activism in a very thoughtful way.

MysticBlu a soul singer, songwriter, poet, emcee, musician and actress hails from Minneapolis, MN. She began her journey of expression at a very young age and has had a passion to continue this expression for a lifetime. MysticBlu is music, she is expression, and lives her life as such every day. A believer in truth and inspiration, MysticBlu states she was placed here on this planet to bring about truth, to uplift and inspire through every word spoken and every melody sung. Her vision and passion is to reveal her soul through her art and take everyone a little Higher.

2:00-3:30pm

Racial Justice Forum Coor 170

This is an open forum for speaking out, listening, and learning from each other about issues of racial justice on campus, in our communities and beyond. While we are in a lecture hall, the intent is to create a safe space – please sit near the front if possible.

Youth Keynote: Reproductive Rights and Racial Justice – Grecia Magdaleno – Coor 186

Grecia Magdaleno will share her experiences as a youth activist. Grecia is a young, Latina/Chicana, queer activist from Phoenix, Arizona. After experiencing abstinence-only sex ed in middle school, she reached out to Planned Parenthood to start volunteering in her community. The necessity for young voices in Arizona coupled with Planned Parenthood's focus on youth leadership fueled Grecia's activism. Today, she is a youth organizer and activist for PP Generation Action and an intern for PPAZ. She also serves as a Youth Rising Fellow, spokesperson, and patient advocate for PP Action Fund. To round her out, Grecia is a student at Arizona State University where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Women & Gender Studies.

3:45-5:00pm

Keynote: Erika Ovalle and JJ Johnson, Coor 170

Sunday, 2/28:

Check-in beginning 8:15 Farmer (north side of atrium)

8:30-9:20: Yoga and Meditation for all bodies – Robin Afinowich – L1-27 Payne (lower level)

This all level yoga class will encourage the union of diversity through movement, meditation and ceremony honoring our shared humanity.

9:30-10:20am

Empowerment through Body Language – Robin Afinowich – Farmer 216

Our mind and body are synonymous and just as oppression may affect our cognitive beliefs, so too does it affect our physical experience. This workshop will explore the ways in which inequality and powerlessness influence the way that we think about our selves and the way we move in the world. Discussion will encourage the establishment of healthy internal beliefs and the ability to authentically express one's self regardless of social adversity. Class will also include an experiential practice of somatic (mind-body) techniques that promote confidence, empowerment, and the courage to show the world who you are cross culturally.

Mindful Peace Building – Lyn Fine – Farmer 218

This is a workshop on "Mindful Approaches to racial equity offering a taste of practices to begin looking deeply at power, white privilege, and racial/economic justice issues so that actions are grounded in a deep-rooted practice of developing understanding and compassion. The session offers an introduction to mindfulness practices which are practical, healing, and transforming, can deepen awareness and compassion, develop skills such as the capacity to listen deeply to ourselves and others, and the capacity to be present with suffering and strong emotions in ourselves and others and the capacity to engage in beneficial action. This mindfulness-based approach is grounded in a vision of beloved community and an awareness of "interbeing."

Panel: The Roots of Racism – Michael Sliwa – Farmer 222

Many activists and anti-racists take the road to reform and miss the road to the root of oppression and injustice. I will discuss what many take for granted in an attempt to make our work towards justice more complete.

Corporate "trade" and Empire – Mackenzie McDonald Wilkins, Popular Resistance – Farmer 226

On this panel we will discuss the geopolitical agenda behind three major "free trade" agreements under negotiation, the Trans Pacific Partnership (TPP), the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), and the Trade in Services Agreement (TiSA). These three treaties are tools negotiated in secret by the worlds most powerful multinational corporations for their own benefit at the expense of the planet and people everywhere. Like past "free trade" agreements, the TPP, TTIP, & TiSA would impact people of color, the poor, and oppressed communities most.

Children and youth (all ages) – mural painting & fiber art (outside)

10:35-11:25am

Mindful Approaches for Racial Equality – Lyn Fine and Victoria Mausisa – Farmer 216

This is a participatory workshop offering a taste of practices to begin looking deeply at power, white privilege, oppression, and racial/economic justice and equity so that actions are grounded in a deep-rooted practice of developing understanding and compassion. The session offers approach of mindfulness: interbeing, vision of beloved community, grounding in a practice and lead to beneficial action.

Racism/Sexism: It's an Issue for Everyone – Dianne Post – Farmer 218

This session offers an experiential workshop to discuss knowledge and experience with racism and sexism, to look at different definitions, and to explore white/male privilege in our own lives. The workshop will explore the linkage between white privilege and male privilege and illustrate why racism is a white issue and sexism is a male issue.

Why Black Civic Engagement is Needed – Anay Bickham, Arizona Black Voter Alliance – Farmer 222

This workshop will introduce attendees to the work the goals around the emerging civic engagement project Arizona Black a Voter Alliance, as well as provide a discussion on the importance and need for funding and support for black civic engagement work. In the era of the black lives matter movement and the 2016 presidential election, we need to focus on centering racial justice to voting, activism to policy.

Panel: Voting Rights and Arizona Wins! Athena Salman & Sarah Michelsen, Farmer 220

Children and youth (all ages) mural painting & fiber art – outside

11:40-12:30pm

Tinkering with the Machinery of Death – Kevin Heade and Dan Peitzmeyer, Death Penalty Alternatives for Arizona – Farmer 216

The death penalty has been applied in a racist and arbitrary manner since its inception. Explore the statistics, case law, and recent trends involving racial discrimination and the broken system of capital punishment.

Alternative Learning Lens Initiating Cooperative Learning – Michael Sliwa – Farmer 218

Alternative Learning Lens Initiating Cooperative Education (ALLICE) is a workshop that addresses social/environmental justice. It's a tool that focuses on voices who have been marginalized by the system or live outside the the system completely.

Unpacking White Privilege – Luke Black – Farmer 222

Islamic Non- violence and Stories from Within (Ahmed Khan & Moji Agha) Farmer 220

This dialogue-encouraging presentation uses an ancient Sufi parable to expose the Islamic NON-VIOLENCE that is almost totally obscured today (thanks in part to "orientalism"), especially by the horrific atrocities that ISIS, Boko Haram, and other (self-proclaimed) "Islamic" terrorists commit, in the name of Islam. The interactive session takes its focus from the rich personal and professional experiences of the two panelists, and are about: a) The varied experiences of Muslims in India (by Ahmed Khan) and b) The "Circles of Nonviolence" initiative in the U.S., inspired by the legacy of "the Gandhi of Iran.

Teaching Race and Intersectionality via pop culture – Amy Dawn – Farmer 210

We are scholars of social and cultural history (Don), rhetoric (Flurije), and linguistics and Teaching English as a Second Language (amy) who each bring popular culture into our classrooms. We all discuss race and how it intersects with gender, religion, ethnicity, politics, sexuality, and other sociological variables in film, music, gaming, sports, social media, etc. Our presentation will be for teachers, students, and everybody interested in education.

Children/Youth (all ages) mural painting & fiber art (outside)

Lunch 12:30-2:00pm Farmer Atrium

1:15 -2pm Youth Society, Dysart Community Youth program

2:00-3:30pm

Remy ECD 117 Ed Lecture Hall

3:45-5:00pm – Closing Keynote & Discussion – EDC 117 Ed Lecture Hall

After Apartheid: Neoliberalism and Racial Injustices in Education

Bekisizwe S.Ndimande, Ph.D, University of Texas San Antonio

Neoliberal policies in education in South Africa, as in much of the world, have failed to achieve greater equity and racial justice in education– their stated purpose. I argue that the primary reason for this lies in the continuing inadequate resources in schools that were historically marginalized; schools that serve mostly Black and poor communities. I argue that the lack of resources in Black schools and covert racism in White schools are inextricably connected to the larger neoliberal agenda of privatization and markets that has influenced social policy in post-apartheid South Africa. Neoliberalism in education has encouraged school choice as a way to desegregate schools yet markets in education do not resolve the historical racial inequalities in education. I conclude that instead it has continued the marginalization of Black children and adversely affects their future, thus racial injustices in education have re-emerged. Parallels to increasing segregation and “savage distributions” of resources to education in the U.S. will also be drawn.

All are invited to help clean up from this free event!