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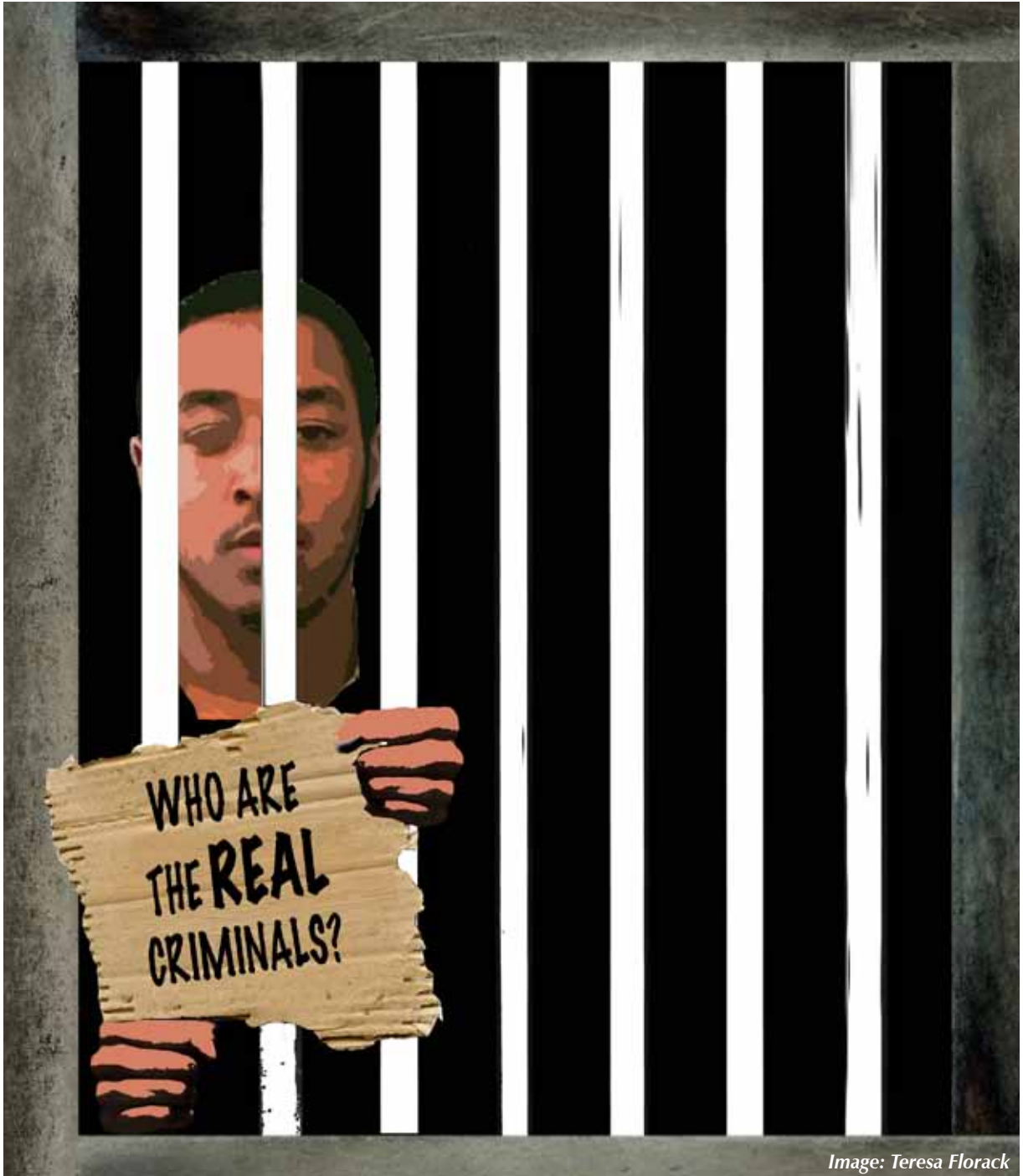


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The Syracuse Peace Council (SPC),

founded in 1936, is an antiwar/social justice organization. We are community-based, autonomous and funded by the contributions of our supporters.

SPC educates, agitates and organizes for a world where war, violence and exploitation in any form will no longer exist. We challenge the existing unjust power relationships among nations, among people and between ourselves and the environment. As members, we work to replace inequality, hierarchy, domination and powerlessness with mutual respect, personal empowerment, cooperation and a sense of community.

Present social injustices cannot be understood in isolation from each other nor can they be overcome without recognizing their economic and militaristic roots. SPC stresses a strategy that makes these connections clear. We initiate and support activities that help build this sense of community and help tear down the walls of oppression. A fundamental basis for peace and justice is an economic system that places human need above monetary profit. We establish relationships among people based on cooperation rather than competition or the threat of destruction.

Our political values and personal lives shape and reflect each other. In both we are committed to nonviolent means of conflict resolution and to a process of decision-making that responds to the needs of us all.

Educate, Agitate, Organize: SPC IN ACTION

compiled by Jessica Azulay

Drone Resistance Only Grows

Get educated, take action

A regional group is in the beginning stages of organizing a major weekend of education and action about drone warfare here in Syracuse on **April 26-28**. We envision two and a half days of speakers, panels, music and festivities, all culminating in a major demonstration on April 28. Panels will include but not be limited to: stories of drone victims; the (il)legality of drone warfare; full spectrum dominance; surveillance and the role of local government; and veterans' perspectives on drone warfare. Contact Amelia.



SPC's New Years Eve Vigil outside the federal building, December 31, 2012. Photo: Ursula Rozum

Drones on trial

Activists visited DeWitt Town Court twice in January but unfortunately we are not able to announce the next trial dates as hoped. Arrestees from the October 5 and 25 at-

tempts to deliver the Citizens' Indictment for War Crimes to personnel at Hancock Airbase argued motions asking that all defendants be tried together and asking

for information about the drone missions piloted from the base. We expect the trials for these two groups of defendants will be combined and will happen in March, but stay tuned to find out for sure.

Sentenced to 15 days jail time on December 13, three drone resisters reported to Jamesville Prison on January 11 after gaining publicity by walking from Hancock Airbase through Syracuse and then towards Jamesville. Titling their walk the "We-may-be-going-to-jail-but-we-still-will-not-be-complicit-in-our-government's-war-crimes Walk," Ellen and Clare Grady from Ithaca and Rae Kramer from Syracuse sent the message that you can jail the resisters but you can't jail the resistance!

We Need YOU:

Drone Resistance Gear-Up.

Unmanned drones—whether it's their high civilian casualty rate that foments anti-US sentiment or their ability to spy on US citizens—the SPC Anti-War committee is committed to educating and agitating to expose their crimes. Be part of the growing resistance to the Reaper Drones at Hancock Airbase. On March 6 at 6:30 pm the Peace Council will host a Ground the Drones Organizing Forum—come meet other anti-war activists, hear about the history of our local movement and the most recent news about drone war crimes. Be part of developing plans to escalate the resistance to Drones in Syracuse in preparation for a weekend of anti-war actions in April. Contact Ursula or Amelia.

Drones around town.

Our local group continues education efforts between visits to Hancock and the DeWitt courthouse. We're printing the excellent study *Living Under Drones*, released by Stanford & NYU Law Schools in Sep-

STRIKE FOR PEACE!

Save the date for this year's fun-filled afternoon of bowling, costumes, prizes, and hanging out with a broad cross-section of the SPC community. The Bowlathon will be **Sunday, March 24** at Flamingo Bowl in Liverpool. Just like previous years, we'll have two afternoon sessions to strike for peace.

So start getting your team together now—teams are 4-6 people and are often themed—or let us know if you want to connect with a team that's already formed. Proceeds from registration and team pledges support SPC's organizing for peace and justice. Stay tuned for email announcements about how to register, or contact Amelia.

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tember 2012, and distributing it to local politicians and media. Contact Amelia if you are interested in purchasing a copy for \$7. It's also available as a free download at www.livingunderdrones.org.

A dedicated committee continues to pursue the passage of an ordinance by the Syracuse Common Council prohibiting the use of surveillance drones. We're slightly set back with recent personnel changes in the Common Council committees, but we're looking forward to our ordinance being presented to the Public Safety Committee soon. Stay tuned for developments, and take a moment to let your Councilor know that you oppose surveillance drones in Syracuse.

Resisting Hydrofracking!

On January 9, about 100 Central New Yorkers rallied outside Governor Cuomo's State of the State address demanding a statewide ban on hydrofracking. SPC and Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE) organized a bus and carpools in coordination with our allies in New Yorkers Against Fracking. On January 10, SPC/NOON staff organizer Ursula Rozum delivered testimony at the NYS Assembly Environmental Conservation hearing on the DEC's hydrofracking regulations, focusing on the UN Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous people and New York State DEC's responsibility to consult with indigenous people on major projects that impact our shared environment. On January 11, the DEC received

a record number of 204,000 public comments against hydrofracking, including a stack of about 80 written by Nottingham High School students. Resistance to this extreme form of fossil fuel extraction is spreading, with grassroots citizens groups organizing across Central New York, from Marcellus to Madison County. If you are ready to join in this vital movement, contact Ursula to get plugged in!

Sharing the River of Life

As hundreds of Haudenosaunee people and supporters peacefully defied the authorities at Destiny Mall by engaging in a flash mob round dance in support of the Idle No More Movement on December 29, the Haudenosaunee Grand Council met at Onondaga. The Council issued a strong statement of support for the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign, which should increase participation from all six nations. Inquiries and interest continue to come in from other native nations and allies throughout New York State and beyond.

The opening event of the campaign, Sharing the River of Life, is set for **7 pm on Monday, February 11 at Syracuse Stage (with a silent auction beginning at 6 pm)**. The deadline for submitting applications to join in the paddling trek down the Hudson River (**July 28-August 9**) has been extended to April 1 (no joke!). See page 9 for additional information and full details on the February 11 event. For more information, contact Andy at 701-1592 or tworow@peacecouncil.net.

Activist Appreciation – Rachel Cary

Rachel Cary is always ready and willing to take action and lend a hand. She lights up the Peace Council with her smile and brings creativity and humor to our work. Rachel first joined us as an intern last summer and has stayed active with us as she finishes her last semester at Syracuse University. Rachel is a sign-maker extraordinaire, and she was instrumental in two of our most creative activities in 2012—the Drone Country Tour (a wine-tour-like group jaunt through Syracuse's drone industrial complex) and the Soda Stream Jingle Flash Mob (a holiday caroling extravaganza to expose that product's true origins in Oc-



Rachel Cary at Governor Cuomo's State of the State Address, Albany, January 9. Photo: Unknown

cupied Palestine, see page 22). Recently, Rachel hopped on the bus to Albany to the demonstration for a ban on hydrofracking, and she is a new member of the Peace Council Steering Committee.

Reach Out to Youth

For many years now the Syracuse Peace Council has paid monthly visits to area high schools to talk to students about activism, war, and opposing military recruitment. After a successful fall series of counter-recruitment outreach during school lunch periods, we're regrouping to focus on helping high-schoolers become more engaged in their community and the issues that affect their lives. Join us for an organizing meeting on **February 11 at 5 pm** at the Peace Council office.

No More Settlements

CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel held a second demonstration against Israel's plans for settlement expansion in the West Bank. On January 19, about a dozen people took to the intersection of E. Genesee St. and Erie Blvd. with banners and signs calling for peace in the Middle East. Israel's colonization of the West Bank violates international law and inhibits chances for peace.

CNY Working for a Just Peace in Pales-

PEACE OUTREACH

Show your opposition to war and the reaper drones! Bring your own sign or use one of ours.

1st Tuesday of the month: 4:15-5 pm

Feb. 5 Hancock Air Base Entrance (E. Molloy Rd., between Thompson & Townline Rd.)

Mar. 5 Hancock Air Base Entrance
Biweekly Peace Outreach will start up again in April. Tuesday locations will be announced next month.

Contact Ed or Ann, 315-478-4571

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Justice Center Still Under Scrutiny for Custodial Deaths

Bruce Peak

On August 6, 2010, Raul Pinet died in custody from “asphyxia during restraint” at the Onondaga County Justice Center while being detained by the Sheriff’s Department. Sheriff’s deputies caused the death by kneeling on his neck and back over his lung cavity and improperly fitting him with a “spit mask.” The Grand Jury, in its report on the Pinet case, claimed that the officers of the Syracuse Police Department and the Sheriff’s Office acted reasonably “in the exercise of their official powers...” Yet, according to the same report, the deputies failed to properly supervise Pinet and get medical attention for him, and the jail nurse who checked on Pinet failed to conduct a thorough assessment of him, completing this assessment in 36 seconds. The jail guards left Pinet alone for seven minutes before going back in to assess his condition. They didn’t go in sooner because they believed he was “faking.”

An independent investigation by the New York State Commission on Corrections ruled Pinet’s death a homicide, caused directly by sheriff’s deputies who did not follow established policies and procedures in the jail. The Grand Jury report stated that the death was caused by “cocaine excited delirium syndrome,” a thoroughly discredited diagnosis in the medical field. Dr. Werner Spitz, a renowned forensic pathologist and the former medical examiner in Detroit, says this condition does not exist. It is used by medical examiners to imply natural causes in a death at the hands of police. Spitz says he has never seen the cause of

Bruce is a community activist who is a member of the Act Now to Stop War and End Racism (ANSWER) Coalition and the United as One Coalition.

death labeled “excited delirium” without law enforcement involvement.

The Onondaga County Sheriff’s Department (OCS D) has also admitted that its employees’ negligence caused the death of Chuniece Patterson three years ago from a ruptured ectopic pregnancy while deputies and medical staff dismissed her agony as, again, “faking.” Pinet’s and Patterson’s deaths, as well as several others

Pinet’s death. The actions of UAO and its member-organizations keep the people in the streets informed and organized with marches, demonstrations, public forums and speak-outs at meetings of the Common Council, the County Executive’s office, and any place where decisions are being made about law enforcement.

On December 8, 2012, the UAO Coalition held a public forum at Brown Memorial United Church regarding the Onondaga County Grand Jury report in the Pinet case. Barrie Gewanter of the New York Civil Liberties Union presented a riveting analysis of the discrepancies in the report regarding the failures of the Special Emergency Response Team (SERT) to follow established procedures and rejected the state commission’s findings.

Latino leader and local attorney Jose Perez referred to the Grand Jury report as a “joke” and responded to it with this statement: “There is no reason for any optimism that anything has changed

at the jail. Nothing is going to change as long as there are no indictments against any officers... It’s amazing how the Grand Jury determined it was right what was done while at the same time acknowledging the fact that they failed to do many things... I think this is not a good sign. Trust in police officers and the sheriff’s department is not going to get better. This death is just the result of bad police work.”

So far, no one has been held accountable for Pinet or Patterson’s deaths or been subjected to prosecution or discipline. This is the true nature of the criminality inherent in these events. The only path left for any justice for the Pinet and Patterson families is a private lawsuit against the



Raul Pinet, Sr. at an August 6, 2011 rally in Syracuse protesting his son’s death. Photo: Ashley Sauers

at the Justice Center, were entirely avoidable had the OCS D adhered to established policies and procedures and responded to the situation with professionalism, rather than an inconsistent application of those procedures coupled with cavalier neglect.

In response to the murder of Pinet, Patterson, and numerous other instances of brutality at the jail, a diverse grouping of community organizations (including the Syracuse Peace Council) united in August 2010 to form the United as One Coalition. UAO, since its inception, has worked consistently to build an organized movement in Syracuse and Onondaga County to hold law enforcement officials and agencies accountable for their actions. As a result of this sustained movement, the District Attorney had no choice but to convene a Grand Jury in response to

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county, a long and drawn-out process that cannot force any changes in the Sheriff's Department and obviously cannot bring them back to their families. The facts of Pinet and Patterson's deaths demand administrative review, discipline, policy and procedure changes, and retraining to prevent this from happening a third time. If the Sheriff's Department refuses to do this, if the New York State Commission of Corrections is powerless to force them, and if the DA's Grand Jury procedure is insufficient in the true administration of justice and perhaps complicit in excusing the actions of law enforcement, it is time to create an oversight mechanism that will seek and promote that justice.

United as One is promoting a speak-out at the Onondaga County Legislature on February 5 (see calendar on pg. 24) to address the need for community oversight of law enforcement. All concerned citizens and activists are urged to attend and to sign up and be heard. Two options have

been put forward to be discussed with the County Executive, the County Attorney and the County Legislators:

1. The creation of a subcommittee of the County Legislature that has powers similar to the Civilian Review Board, with the additional ability to override any law enforcement veto of recommended action.

2. The creation of an independent oversight body outside the County Legislature, but empowered by it, to review and investigate and then to recommend, if deemed necessary, an override of any veto.

We must continue the community pressure at the county level. This means writing and calling our legislators, being present and speaking at every meeting of the legislature, and being present at every meeting of the Public Safety and Health Commission (next meeting is February 13 at noon) until this happens.

I think it is fairly obvious that the local media, although perhaps hampered by disinformation, misinformation or no

information at all, did what they could to bring this needless tragedy to light. However, it is readily apparent that, especially in these cases, the justice system is there for the system, not for justice. We cannot count on the Sheriff's Department to objectively investigate and discipline itself. We need to change the system so that it is not left to the perpetrators to police themselves. We don't just seek equality under the law, but rather social justice for all communities marginalized by the justice system.

To quote T.J. Jourian, "Equality means assimilation into the systems and institutions as they are, while social justice requires a radical re-imagining of those systems and institutions."

If you are interested in getting involved in the movement, you can contact Ursula at the Syracuse Peace Council (ursula@peacecouncil.net) or the ANSWER Coalition (syracuse@answercoalition.org). ♣

Sweatshop Workers to Speak Out in Syracuse

Joy Perkett

In the wake of November's deadly factory fire in Bangladesh, claiming the lives of 112 garment workers, consumers are aware now more than ever that something has gone terribly wrong in the global apparel industry.

From February 3-9, garment workers from Haiti and Honduras will tour NYS to speak out against the sweatshop conditions in factories owned and contracted by Gildan Activewear. Gildan is a Montreal-based apparel company that supplies government entities in addition to companies like Adidas and Walmart. A Haitian worker will speak about her union's protracted struggle to force Gildan to honor a nationwide minimum wage increase for some of the poorest garment workers in the world. A Honduran worker will tell stories of death threats and intimidation she and her co-workers faced when organizing to improve working conditions in their factory.

Workers will be speaking out across New York against the backdrop of a mounting campaign to eliminate sweatshops from the NYS purchasing supply chain. Thanks to

the efforts of sweatshop-free advocates, NYS joined the Sweatfree Purchasing Consortium in 2009, and its representative member is president of the Consortium. Yet, despite its leadership, New York has declined to pass a meaningful sweatshop-free Code of Conduct and continues to purchase its apparel from sweatshops.

To pressure NYS to adopt a sweat-free policy, Labor-Religion Coalition (LRC) of New York State in conjunction with All Saints Church, SPC and SEIU Local 200 United have organized a local Sweatshop-Free Week of Action in addition to the NYS Sweatshop Worker Tour. Come hear the workers' stories and join the Week of Action:

- Sweatshop Workers Speak Out at All Saints Church on Tuesday Feb. 5. Potluck at 6 pm, speakers at 7 pm.
- Interfaith Worker Vigil at All Saints Church on Wednesday Feb. 6, 7 pm.
- Free documentary screening of *Made in LA* at the Palace Theater on Thursday Feb. 7, 7 pm.

For more information about local events and to sign the sweat-free petition, visit the LRC website at www.labor-religion.org or contact Campaign Coordinator Joy Perkett

at JPerkett@labor-religion.org or 518-213-6000, ext. 6348. ♣



Protestors ask for tax dollars not to be used to subsidize sweatshops. Photo: Labor-Religion Coalition of NYS

The Connection Between Global Economic Policy and Violence Against Women

Vandana Shiva

Editors' note: This piece (abridged here) originally appeared on the blog One Billion Rising, www.onebillionrising.org.

Violence against women is as old as patriarchy. But it has intensified and become more pervasive in the recent past. It has taken on more brutal forms, like the death of the Delhi gang rape victim and the suicide of the 17-year-old rape victim in Chandigarh.

Rape cases and cases of violence against women have increased over the years.

The movement to stop this violence must be sustained until justice is done for every one of our daughters and sisters who has been violated.

And while we intensify our struggle for justice for women. We need to examine the roots of the growing violence against women.

Could there be a connection between the growth of violent, undemocratically imposed, unjust and unfair economic policies and the growth of crimes against women?

I believe there is.

Contributions of women

Firstly, the economic model focusing myopically on “growth” begins with violence against women by discounting their contribution to the economy.

The more the government talks ad nauseam about “inclusive growth” and “financial inclusion,” the more it excludes the contributions of women to the economy and society. According to patriarchal economic models, production for sustenance is counted as “non-production.” The transformation of value into disvalue, labour into non-labour, knowledge into non-knowledge,

is achieved by the most powerful number that rules our lives, the patriarchal construct of GDP, Gross Domestic Product, which commentators have started to call the Gross Domestic Problem.

National accounting systems, which are used for calculating growth as GDP, are based on the assumption that if producers consume what they produce, they do not in fact produce at all, because they fall outside the production boundary.



Indian demonstrators gather on December 27, 2012 to call for better safety for women after the rape of a student in New Dehli. Photo: AFP

The production boundary is a political creation that, in its workings, excludes regenerative and renewable production cycles from the area of production. Hence, all women who produce for their families, children, community and society are treated as “non-productive” and “economically” inactive. When economies are confined to the marketplace, economic self-sufficiency is perceived as economic deficiency. The devaluation of women’s work and of work done in subsistence economies of the South is the natural outcome of a production boundary constructed by capitalist patriarchy.

By restricting itself to the values of the market economy, as defined by capitalist patriarchy, the production boundary ignores economic value in the two vital economies which are necessary to ecological and human survival. They are the areas of nature’s economy and sustenance economy. In nature’s economy and sustenance economy, economic value is a measure of how the

earth’s life and human life are protected. Its currency is life giving processes, not cash or the market price.

Secondly, a model of capitalist patriarchy which excludes women’s work and wealth creation in the mind deepens the violence by displacing women from their livelihoods and alienating them from the natural resources on which their livelihoods depend — their land, their forests, their water, their seeds and biodiversity.

Economic reforms based on the idea of limitless growth in a limited world can only be maintained by the powerful grabbing the resources of the vulnerable. The resource grab that is essential for “growth” creates a culture of rape — the rape of the Earth, of local self-reliant economies, the rape of women. The only way in which this “growth” is “inclusive” is by its inclusion of ever larger numbers in its circle of violence.

I have repeatedly stressed that the rape of

the Earth and rape of women are intimately linked, both metaphorically in shaping worldviews and materially in shaping women’s everyday lives. The deepening economic vulnerability of women makes them more vulnerable to all forms of violence, including sexual assault, as we found out during a series of public hearings on the impact of economic reforms on women organised by the National Commission on Women and the Research Foundation for Science, Technology and Ecology.

Subversion of democracy

Thirdly, economic reforms lead to the subversion of democracy and privatization of government. Economic systems influence political systems. The government talks of economic reforms as if they have nothing to do with politics and power. They talk of keeping politics out of economics, even

Dr. Vandana Shiva is a physicist, ecofeminist, philosopher, activist, and author of more than 20 books and 500 papers.

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while they impose an economic model shaped by the politics of a particular gender and class. Neoliberal reforms work against democracy. Corporate-driven reforms create a convergence of economic and political power, deepening of inequalities and a growing separation of the political class from the will of the people they are supposed to represent. This is at the root of disconnect between politicians and the public which we experienced during the protests that have grown since the Delhi gang rape.

Worse, an alienated political class is afraid of its own citizens. This is what explains the increasing use of police to crush non-violent citizen protests, as we have witnessed in New Delhi. A privatized corporate state must rapidly become a police state.

This is why politicians must surround themselves with ever increasing VIP security, diverting the police from their important duties to protect women and ordinary citizens.

Fourthly, the economic model shaped by capitalist patriarchy is based on the commodification of everything, including women.

An economics of deregulation of commerce, of privatization and commodification of seeds and food, land and water, women and children, unleashed by economic liberalization, degrades social values, deepens patriarchy and intensifies violence against women.

Economic systems influence culture and social values. An economics of commodification creates a culture of commodification, where everything has a price and nothing has value.

The growing culture of rape is a social externality of economic reforms. We need to institutionalize social audits of the

neo-liberal policies which are a central instrument of patriarchy in our times.

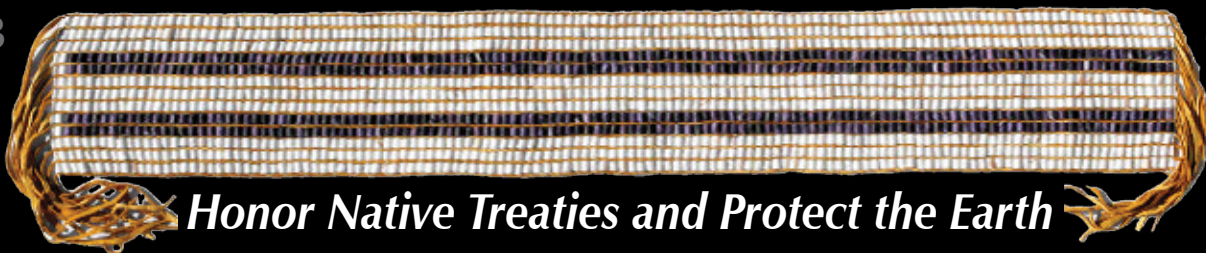
The victim of the Delhi gang rape has triggered a social revolution. We must sustain it, deepen it, expand it. We must demand and get speedy and effective justice for women. We must call for fast track courts to convict those responsible for crimes against women. We must make sure laws are changed so justice is not elusive for victims of sexual violence. We must continue the demand for blacklisting of politicians with criminal records.

And while we do all this, we need to change the ruling paradigm which is imposed on us in the name of "growth" and which is fueling increasing crimes against women. Ending violence against women includes moving beyond the violent economy shaped by capitalist patriarchy to non-violent peaceful economies which give respect to women and the Earth.

Editors' note: According to the World Health Organization, one in three women will experience violence in her lifetime. Over one billion women and girls will be directly impacted by violence globally. To bring awareness to the fight to end violence against women, fifteen years ago, V-Day was founded as a global activist movement. This coming V-Day, February 13, the largest campaign to date has been called for—1 Billion Rising. An invitation for one billion women and their loved ones to walk out and dance: to rise up and demand an end to this violence. To show the world our strength in numbers and our solidarity with our mothers, partners, and sisters across borders. The time to take a stand is here—visit vday.org for more information. The 'V' in V-Day stands for Victory, Valentine and Vagina.

TWO ROW WAMPUM RENEWAL CAMPAIGN

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Honor Native Treaties and Protect the Earth

Sharing the River of Life

Monday, February 11 @ 7 pm (Silent Auction begins at 6)

Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St., Syracuse

Thanksgiving Address: Sid Hill, Presentation of Collaborations aligned with the Two Row, The Two Row Wampum and the Covenant Chain of Treaties: Jake Edwards, Treaty Violations and Historic Allies: Robert W. Venables, Multi-media presentation about the Campaign

Free and followed by a reception with refreshments.

People of the Two Row

Hickory Edwards: Onondaga's Perpetual Paddler

Emily Bishop

Editors' note: In support of the Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign's kickoff event this month (see page 4), the PNL presents an extended installment of a new column, People of the Two Row. Emily Bishop will introduce Onondaga Nation members integral to the Two Row Campaign. The column will continue through the Symbolic Enactment this summer, where Haudenosaunee and allies will paddle down the Hudson River from Albany to New York City in two rows to honor the historical treaties between our peoples. The campaign is being carried out as a partnership between NOON/SPC and the Onondaga Nation. We hope you enjoy this glimpse of the work the Onondaga are doing on this powerful campaign!

Walking into the Onondaga Workshop for the first time, I peek into the rooms around me, hearing sounds of chatter and a chainsaw. I'm given directions to Hickory Edward's space and find him surrounded by river maps that cover all four sides of his cubicle. As the Paddling Coordinator, Hickory is responsible for helping to coordinate the route, paddling practice, and safety courses for those participating in the Symbolic Enactment this summer. He is also the leader of the Onondaga Canoe and Kayak Club, organizing trips for Onondaga youth groups and clearing out the waterways to make for smooth paddling.

From Onondaga Creek to New York City, Hickory shows me the path of his journey from the beginning of July to the middle of August. He expects to have at least one person from each of the Six Nations paddle with him from Onondaga to Albany, carrying a replica of the Two Row Wampum Belt. For Hickory, "If we are going down the Hudson to New York City on the water trail, we might as well bring it from the central fire of the Haudenosaunee

Emily is from Syracuse and is interning with the Two Row Campaign, working on the enactment, grant writing and publicity.

to Albany by way of the ancient water trade routes of our people."

The Onondaga describe the Two Row as an agreement about how we are to "live together. Each of our ways will be shown in the purple rows running the length of the belt. In one row is a ship with our White Brother's ways, in the other a canoe with our ways. Each will travel down the river of life side by side. Neither will attempt to steer the other's



Hickory and his guitar. Photo: Suzanne Halbritter

vessel." The Two Row Campaign seeks to bring this 400-year-old agreement to life as we address issues such as the Onondaga Land Rights Action and hydrofracking.

Hickory started paddling with his cousins five years ago out of boredom. It has since become his calling. Showing me his thumb, he says, "There is a paddle right in the center of my fingerprint, so I'm pretty sure I'm made for this." He started that day and never stopped: "I was on the water every day after that, going further and further out, doing 150 mile trips." Hickory takes advantage of every opportunity to get on the water, having paddled between 1100 and 1500 miles since he began.

Hickory was on the water when his



Hickory kayaks on the Hudson with his dog Larry. Photo: Poody Edwards

uncle, Jake Edwards of the Onondaga Council of Chiefs, asked if he wanted to join the Two Row Campaign to help organize the paddling. "They knew I was going on long distance trips when they asked me to be paddling coordinator only two days before the first trial run [July 2011]," says Hickory. That weekend he was paddling down the Hudson to explore the feasibility of a larger trek.

"I didn't realize the project would be so big. Now that other Haudenosaunee nations are aligning with the campaign, I've taken on the responsibility of being in touch and inviting them to join us, even beyond the Symbolic Enactment." Hickory also has ideas for future paddling trips to educate allies. He'd like to share "all the things that aren't archived in history books, from Onondaga perspective, legends of our Haudenosaunee people."

After being distracted by overhearing someone talk about paddling, Hickory tells me what the Two Row Campaign means to his generation and those that follow. "It's important for us to step up and say something because people who aren't born yet are affected by what we do in our lifetime. So, I think that getting anything done for their good is a great thing, and I'm happy to be a part of this and do what I can for them, long after I'm gone. Now is the time for our voices to be heard, for faces that aren't here yet. Everything we do affects the seventh generation and we have to use our voice in a positive way for them."

For information about applying to participate, paddling practice and trips leading up to the Symbolic Enactment, or other events, check out the "events" section at www.HonorTheTwoRow.org. 🌟



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Prisoners Tortured Daily in New York State

Amelia Ramsey-Lefevre

In March 2012 the UN Special Rapporteur on Torture called for a near-total ban on solitary confinement. Juan Mendez stated that “solitary confinement itself can amount to ... torture as defined in Article 1 of the Convention against Torture.” The cited article defines torture as “... any act by which severe pain or suffering, whether physical or mental, is intentionally inflicted on a person.” Mendez contends that after 15 days some psychological effects resulting from solitary confinement (also called isolation or segregation) are irreversible.

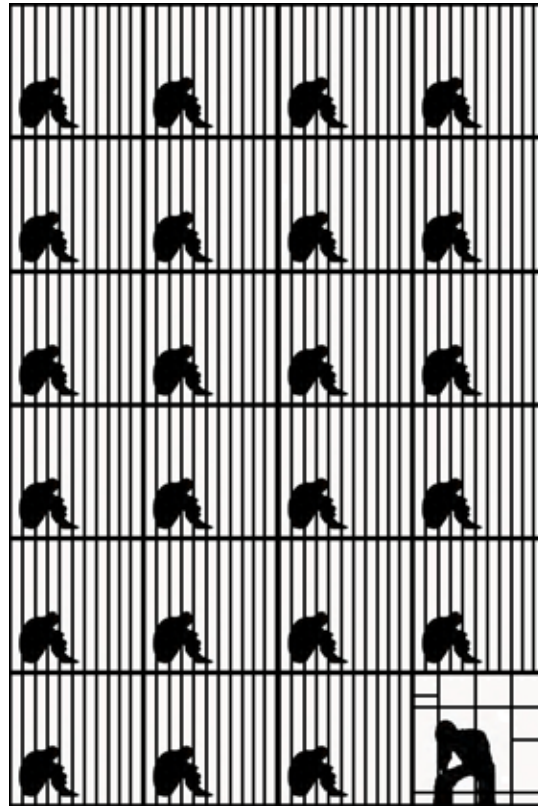
Mendez also specifically condemned US reliance on the practice, which is utilized in all sectors of the US detention system. From immigration detention centers to psychiatric institutions, military prisons to even juvenile detention centers, solitary confinement is a standard feature of the imprisoned landscape. And the nation’s penal system is no exception.

There are 45 “super-max” prisons in the US. A super-max is a prison facility wholly devoted to holding inmates in solitary confinement. 44 of these are state-run and the lone federal super-max is in Florence, CO. In 2000, the US Department of Justice estimated that an average of 80,000 inmates are held in solitary confinement at any one time.

Solitary in NYS

NYS is the home of two super-max prisons, Southport in Chemung County (789 beds) and Upstate in Franklin County (1,040 beds). Additionally, there are around 3,000 Special Housing Unit (SHU) beds dispersed among 37 other prisons in New York. A 2012 snapshot of the solitary confinement population found 402 inmates under 20 years old, 83 of them 18 or younger. 86% of the prisoners at Southport and Upstate are Black or Latino. Many have been diagnosed with mental illness before or after their arrival in isolation. LGBTQ prisoners are particularly vulnerable to discriminatory

Amelia’s education in prison justice was catalyzed by the tragic murder of Troy Anthony Davis on September 21, 2011. Thanks also to the inmate who wrote to the PNL recommending NYCLU’s report “Boxed In.”



Inmates in solitary spend 23 hours a day in a cramped cell. They are permitted one hour per day of “recreation” in an outdoor cage. Image: NYCLU & Amelia Ramsey-Lefevre

isolation across the detention spectrum.

Inmates in solitary confinement spend 23 hours a day in a small cell alone or in close quarters with one other person (a condition given the conflicted name “double solitary”). One hour per day is allowed for “outdoor recreation.” Prisoners may go in handcuffs to a caged area smaller even than their cell, where other inmates can be heard but not seen. Some inmates reported to the New York Civil Liberties Union (NYCLU) that they declined recreation to avoid hearing the screams of other solitary inmates in the recreation cell.

Prisoners receive no training, work, or rehabilitation services and report insufficient access to medical and psychological care while in solitary confinement. No transitional services are available for those in solitary, even when inmates will be directly released from isolation. Despite the lack of services, SHUs and super-maxes are expensive to staff. NYS spends about \$76 million each year to staff segregation units.

How does an inmate get to solitary?

Roughly 90% of placements in isolation are for disciplinary reasons, though solitary confinement can also be imposed if the inmate is perceived to be vulnerable or a threat to prison safety. The punitive system in NYS prisons allows each class of violation to be rated at varying levels of severity, granting corrections officials (COs) wide discretion as to the severity of the punishment. In fact every single rule violation in NYS prisons has the potential to be met with a solitary confinement sentence.

There is no limit to the amount of time an inmate can spend in solitary confinement. Once in isolation, an inmate’s sentence in the SHU can be extended to punish subsequent rule infractions. If the solitary sentence exceeds the remainder of the entire sentence, COs are authorized to enforce further punishment through deprivation of haircuts, clothing, recreation, and even nutritional food.

It is well documented that prolonged solitary confinement often leads to mental illness in previously healthy individuals and almost always exacerbates mental illness where it already exists. Inmates in isolation have higher rates of suicide and self-harm. COs also report adverse effects from working in such tension including depression, alcoholism and family problems.

Why solitary?

The question remains why solitary confinement is so heavily relied upon in the US despite its costliness compared to conventional prisons, its negative effects on inmates and COs, and its ineffectiveness in reforming criminals. How did we get to where we are today?

In 1890, the US Supreme Court concluded that “solitary confinement left prisoners in a semi-fatuous condition.” The practice was virtually abandoned in the US for nearly 90 years. Then, in 1983 a riot in a federal prison in Marion, IL prompted a state of emergency and permanent solitary lockdown for all inmates that lasted 23 years. By 1991, over 35 states had built or repurposed facilities to emulate the condi-

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Drone Resisters Speak Out At Trial

After a several-hour-long trial on December 13, 2012, DeWitt Town Court judge Robert Jokl found eleven members of Upstate Drone Action guilty of “trespass,” a violation. The “trespass” occurred on June 28 outside the main entrance of Hancock Air Base, just north of Syracuse, as the defendants attempted to deliver a citizens’ indictment to the Base chain of command for the Reaper drone war crimes being committed from there. Here we present extracts (recalled from notes and memory) of several of the defendants’ court testimonies. The defendants all went pro se, defending themselves without being represented by an attorney. Since the trial, five defendants (Clare Grady, Ed Kinane, Ellen Grady, James Ricks, Rae Kramer) have each spent a week at Jameville Penitentiary. To learn more check www.upstatedroneaction.org.

Ed Kinane’s Testimony

Questioned by Rae Kramer

Ed (edkinane@verizon.net), from Syracuse, occasionally gives talks on why Upstate Drone Action opposes the Reaper drone and what UDA does about it.

Mr. Kinane, did you ever serve in the US military?
Not really. But I was in ROTC for about six weeks when I was at Fordham College back in the early sixties.

Six weeks? Why only six weeks?

Well, as you might know, Fordham is a Catholic college. One day we ROTC cadets had to do bayonet practice out on the parade ground. We didn’t actually have bayonets, but we were to simulate lunging. While doing so we had to chant, “KILL, KILL, KILL...” Now, doing that for an hour or two made me very uncomfortable. The very reason I chose Fordham was that it was a Jesuit college, i.e., a Christian college – where I had hoped for a rigorous intellectual and ethical grounding in the faith I grew up in. It struck me out there that day that chanting “KILL, KILL, KILL” over and over again didn’t quite square with Jesus’ teaching, at least as I understand that teaching. So, a day or two later I went to the ROTC commandant and resigned. To this day I’ve never been able to understand how Catholic colleges can possibly permit ROTC to operate on their campuses.

Can you tell me something about your work history?

Among other things I’ve been on the staff or on teams of several non-profit international organizations like Witness for Peace, Peace Brigades International and Voices in the Wilderness.

Do those organizations have anything in common?

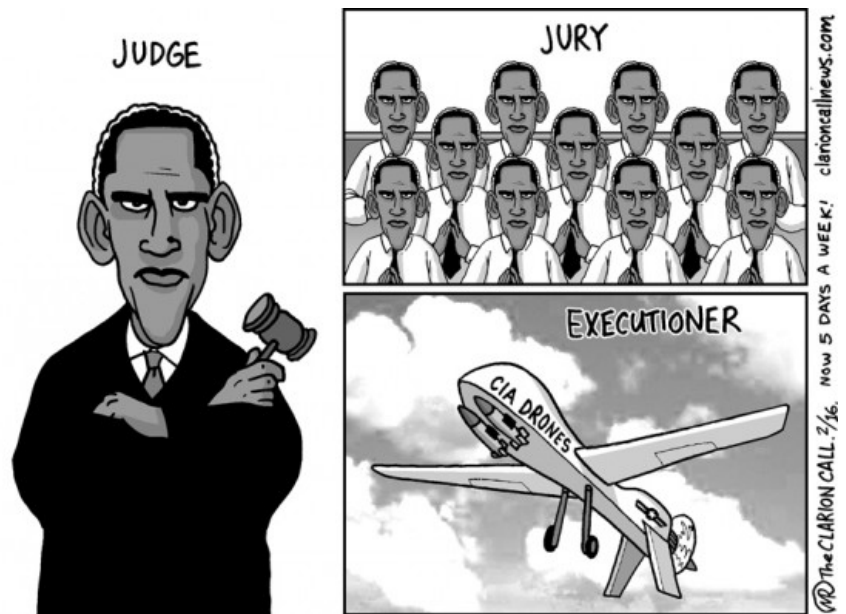
Each is committed to nonviolence and they each focus on civilian human rights in war zones.

Tell us about your work with Peace Brigades.

Peace Brigades puts teams of volunteers into areas of civil strife. The volunteers provide protective accompaniment to local human rights activists who typically are threatened by death squads because of their work. The idea is that the presence of an international “unarmed bodyguard” can often deter the killings and abductions.

Where did you serve in Peace Brigades?

I served for six months each on the PBI teams in Guatemala, El



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Salvador and Sri Lanka. Also with PBI for two months in Haiti. All during their civil wars.

What other experience do you have in war zones?

In August 2011 I spent a month in Afghanistan with Voices for Creative Nonviolence. In 2003 I spent five months in Iraq with Voices in the Wilderness, traveling over much of the country. I was there for about five weeks before the US invasion and during the weeks of “Shock and Awe,” and for about three months during the US occupation.

So you were right in the midst of the bombing. What impact did that experience have on your understanding of aerial warfare and its effects on civilians?

I observed and I felt the terror that defenseless civilians on the ground feel when bombs are going off all around them. And I shared in some of the pain of having neighbors killed nearby. I came to believe that aerial warfare is terrorism and that therefore the greatest terrorist of all is the US Pentagon.

You’ve said you’re committed to nonviolence. Why, then, do you seem to gravitate to war zones?

Having been an anti-militarism activist since the seventies I’ve come to believe that, like warriors, activists need to be willing to take risks. It is especially appropriate for us to be in solidarity

with the victims of US invasions. And I believe anti-militarism activists can be more effective and focused if we have a deeper understanding of what it is we oppose.

Clare Grady's Testimony

Questioned by James Ricks

Clare is a mother of two and a long-time Ithaca Catholic Worker and anti-war activist.

What were you doing on the morning of June 28?

I went to Hancock Air Field, the national maintenance training center for the reaper drone, and a control center for US drones flying in Afghanistan.

What did you do when you got there?

I stood at the entrance holding a sign that said "Drones = War Crimes."

Do you understand the charge against you?

Yes, I am on trial now answering to the charge of trespassing. The violation trespass in NY State says that a person is guilty if they "knowingly and unlawfully" enter and remain upon the premises.

Do you think that you are guilty of this charge?

No, I knew that my actions were not illegal, that I was upholding the law.

How do you know that?

I heard Ramsey Clark, the former US Attorney General, testify in this very courtroom in November 2011, explaining that each of us as citizens has a right and responsibility to resist our government's war crimes. My actions are taken to resist the war crimes being committed by my government with the drone work being done at Hancock Air Field.

Is there anything else that you would like to share?

Yes, I was just recently at a conference at Catholic University in Puerto Rico, where Loyola University law professor Frances Boyle said: "Civil resistance is the last hope America has to prevent the US government from moving even farther down the path of lawless violence in Africa, the Middle East, Southwest Asia, military interventionism into Latin America, and nuclear confrontation with Iran, Pakistan, North Korea, Russia, and China."

Boyle writes that in actions like these, "civil resisters disobeyed nothing, but to the contrary obeyed international law and the United States Constitution. By contrast, US government officials disobeyed fundamental principles of international law as well as US criminal law and thus committed international crimes and US domestic crimes as well as impeachable violations of the United States Constitution."

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Ellen Grady persistently shares her message even after being arrested on April 22, 2012. Photo: unknown.

Hancock Air Base Uses Order of Protection Against Anti-Drone Activists

Elliott Adams

Over the last couple of years the ongoing campaign to publicize the war crimes being committed with Reaper drones from Hancock Air Base has led to six group arrests—each a part of a "Gandhian Wave" of resistance. Typically the arrests occur after citizens, mostly from upstate New York, attempt to deliver a citizens' indictment of war crimes to the Hancock chain of command and, failing that, remain to block the entrance to the base.

The last Gandhian Wave event on October 25, 2012 led to 17 being arrested, with each being served an order of protection. Apparently a new tactic nationally, the order requires that the 17 stay away from the military base for one year. The tactic is a disturbing misuse of a measure mostly used to counter domestic violence. Equally disturbing, the tactic is a dangerous precedent stifling citizens' First Amendment rights of assembly and our right to petition the government for a redress of grievance. The order carries with it penalties of up to seven years in prison.

The order was signed by judges Donald Benack (East Syracuse court) and Robert Jokl (DeWitt Town court) in response to a supporting deposition by Col. Earl A. Evans, Mission Support Group Commander of Hancock's Air National Guard 174th Attack Wing. There was no hearing in which the 17 could challenge the order. The irony – no, the absurdity – is that the Hancock 17 each took a pledge of nonviolence before going to the base on October 25. By contrast, the mission of Hancock, a highly-secure base brimming over with highly trained, armed personnel, is to deploy Reaper drones to extra-judicially kill human beings, including many civilians.

Elliott, former president of Veterans for Peace, lives in Sharon Springs, NY. Reach him at elliottadams@juno.com.

Judy Homanich's Testimony

Judy (safelyhome122204@aol.com), from Binghamton, was also arrested at Creech Airbase in Nevada while resisting drones.

My name is Judith A. Homanich. I'm the wife of George, one of my co-defendants, and the mother of Sarah and David, who is gone but not forgotten. David had a short and difficult but meaningful life. He was caring and compassionate with a strong sense of right and wrong. His first surgery was at three weeks of age and his 17th surgery, his cancer surgery, was at age 19. David's death at age 21 on December 22, 2004 was due to cancer, not war, but I know the heart-wrenching, life-changing pain of losing a child, a precious loved one.

David's cancer was diagnosed early in 2003 and we all knew from the beginning that his life expectancy was short. We had almost two years to love, laugh, appreciate life, and prepare for death. I can only imagine the unbearable grief of family members whose young child is out playing or collecting firewood one minute and murdered in a drone attack the next minute. These three young boys [on Judy's T-shirt as she testified were pictures of the mutilated faces of three five-year olds], victims of drone attacks in Waziristan, Pakistan, were loved and cherished by people who mourn their loss and who are understandably angered by their murders. I know that their lives were just as precious and important and valuable as my son David's. I know that they had a right to life, to hopes and dreams, to a future.

While speaking in India in October 2010, President Obama said, "Nothing ever justifies the slaughter of innocent civilians." Yet the slaughter of innocent civilians like these young boys by extra-judicial killings continues. The US government calls these deaths "collateral damage" — I know these murders are war crimes. So as a mother who knows the pain of losing a child, I went to Hancock on June 28 to knowingly and lawfully act in solidarity with all mothers, daughters, wives and sisters around the world who suffer loss due to the illegal, immoral use of drones.

I was knowingly and lawfully at Hancock on June 28, 2012 because it's my legal, moral and spiritual obligation to use my voice and my body to speak up and act out to uphold the rule of law, the US Constitution, human rights, and international law. I will continue to do so



Civilians protest the killing of innocent people with drones in Waziristan, Pakistan. Photo: unknown.

until President Barack Obama, Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta, Hancock Commander Col. Greg Semmel, every drone crew, every service member supporting or defending these illegal actions and you, Judge Jokl, act knowingly and lawfully to obey and uphold existing law.

James Ricks' Testimony

Questioned by Dave McCallum James, of Trumansburg, NY, is a long-time member of the Upstate NY Coalition to Ground the Drones and recently returned from a trip to Pakistan.

Why were you at Hancock Airbase on July 28?

To exercise my constitutional rights and duties as a responsible citizen.

Did you trespass?

No, I did not. I have a constitutional right to petition my government for the redress of grievances, and I had to deliver an indictment to the base for war crimes committed there.

Yes, but did you trespass?

No, I knew it was my duty as a responsible citizen to protest at Hancock, and how can a citizen's duty be illegal?

Why do you say you knew it was your duty?

I was fortunate enough to hear former attorney general Ramsey Clark state in this very courtroom that it wasn't just a right but a responsibility as a citizen to bring to the attention and call to a halt the war crimes committed at Hancock Airbase. It was my personal duty to stop it because I believe what is going on at the base is illegal.

Don't you believe that the President of the United States and the United States Air Force know what is or is not legal?

I would hope so, but not in this instance. And it's not the first time.

What do you mean?

Well, slavery and kidnapping were legal in this country not that long ago. I say kidnapping because I'm sure no one volunteered to be shackled, put in the bowels of the ship, and transported to a life of brutal domination.

Technically legal or not, slavery was always unjust and immoral. How can anything be unjust, immoral, and legal at the same time? I doubt that the concentration camps at Auschwitz and Dachau or any other death camp violated any local or national German law.

When it serves a powerful group, what is legal or not can become very slippery. Spin the story, redefine the crime, change the word, or all of the above. Premeditated murder is illegal, but collateral damage is not. Torture is illegal, but enhanced interrogation is not. Kidnapping to torture is illegal, but extraordinary rendition is not.

Leaders who speak with a forked tongue make laws for us to follow, or pay the penalty, laws that they obfuscate are redefined when they are accused of the same. Justice morphs into "Just Us," it seems, when the view is from the top-down. Morality is ignored entirely. Under these conditions especially, what's defined as legal, or not, should be examined very carefully. How can anything be unjust, immoral, and legal at the same time? But it happens, and it's happening at Hancock Airbase right now.

Closing Statement

John Hamilton

John (yes2yay@yahoo.com) is a carpenter and activist from Ithaca.

First, a very important point to clarify. You, Judge Jokl, have heard several witnesses testify they engaged in “civil resistance.” This term has a specific meaning. It means taking actions that are legal, not illegal. We are upholding laws, not breaking them. Civil disobedience is trying to change laws. Civil resistance is upholding the law. We proudly claim our actions were civil resistance. Please understand this clearly.

We have heard testimony from several defendants that not only does current applicable law authorize their actions on June 28, but that current applicable law requires them to be there. They were acting from their constitutional responsibilities as citizens. And from their clear obligations under human law. We have shown beyond any doubt that we were acting legally. We have shown the laws are clear and binding and that they apply in this courtroom.

First let me speak to the operative laws themselves. As has been brought out, there are clear and binding laws that make every act of aggression by every nation a crime. These laws didn't arise because some naive idealists got in a room and decided this would be a good idea.

These laws arose out of World War II, the closest we humans ever came to committing suicide. The lesson we humans learned was that we must somehow keep powerful nations from perpetrating acts of aggression, for our continued survival depends on this. All other questions of law in all countries of the world are subordinate to this need.

All nations, our nation among them, publicly swore they would never, ever commit acts of aggression, for any reason and legally bound themselves to these laws through the UN Charter and the Geneva Conventions. They are still and always in effect, despite the illegal practices of any government.

In the Nuremburg trials, we humans began to formulate another layer of protection against acts of aggression. The Nuremburg tribunals declared that all citizens are legally

obligated to assure their own government acts legally. In the trial of Nazi judges at Nuremburg, all judges were specifically required to uphold overarching human laws, even in domestic courts. These several overarching laws are known as customary human law. The first and most important is that acts of aggression are always illegal.

To be clear, all domestic internal questions of law, everywhere, are subordinate to customary human law, especially the prohibition on the use of force. We can easily see that this requirement is even more important for those of us who are citizens in strong nations. In weak nations, if the government breaks the law of aggression, the strong nations can force that government



On April 23, 2011, Pakistani women take part in a rally against the US drone strikes in tribal areas in Peshawar, Pakistan. AP Photo: Mohammad Sajjad

to follow the laws. When strong nations break the law of aggression, any attempt by other nations to enforce the law will result in a major war, which is what the laws are designed to avoid. Law-abiding citizens of strong nations, with support from their domestic judicial system, are the only means of enforcing these crucial laws without resorting to war.

These laws clearly bind you, but we recognize you question our legal analysis.

There have been other times in our history when important laws have been ignored by judges, which holds a useful parallel for the case at hand tonight. The 13th, 14th, and 15th amendments prohibit discrimination by race everywhere in the US. Yet, for decades, judges ignored these laws. The result was a shameful chapter in our history. Extra-judicial murder—lynching—went not only unpunished, but even worse, was ignored by the courts.

Tonight, Sergeant Moynihan testified he was bound only by NYS laws, not the US Constitution. This is exactly what happened in Alabama and other Southern states. The cops, prosecutors, and judges claimed they were acting lawfully under

local and state law when they were acting in complete violation of the US Constitution. It follows that Sergeant Moynihan's claims that his order to disperse is lawful under NYS law does not necessarily make it binding on US citizens, who have the full protections, rights, and responsibilities of the Constitution.

Today, we are in another shameful chapter of US history. The Reaper drone attacks engaged in and supported from Hancock are clearly illegal. We have factual and comprehensive documentation of both the laws and the crimes we are discussing, but we have not been asked or allowed to provide them. We offer still to provide our citizen's indictments to the court.

Extra-judicial murder—human lynching—is occurring in your jurisdiction, judge. There are bodies hanging on the trees in East Molloy Road.

To continue the historical parallel, judges of the time in the South simply couldn't conceive that these supreme laws actually applied in their courtroom. The ideology of white supremacy kept judges from recognizing their legal responsibilities under the law. Today, the

ideology of US supremacy guides judicial activism, the tendency to ignore clear laws, in many courtrooms.

The ideology of American supremacy, that the US is somehow separate and above the law, does not release you from customary human law. Citing national security does not release you. There is no exception anywhere, for you, for me, for anyone from this overarching legal certainty: acts of aggression are always and everywhere illegal, and must not be ignored by the courts. Extra-judicial murder must be called out and stopped. Human lynching must end.

We ask that you take a bold step tonight to end international lynching, not in some backwood Alabama town in 1912, but here in your jurisdiction, in DeWitt in 2012. We ask you to find us not guilty of the charges.

It is the task of our generation to strengthen, not weaken, these overarching legal certainties upon which our common human future depends. We must act to strengthen, not weaken, human-wide agreements. We must do this here and now, as our contribution to a safer world, and for our children's future. ♣

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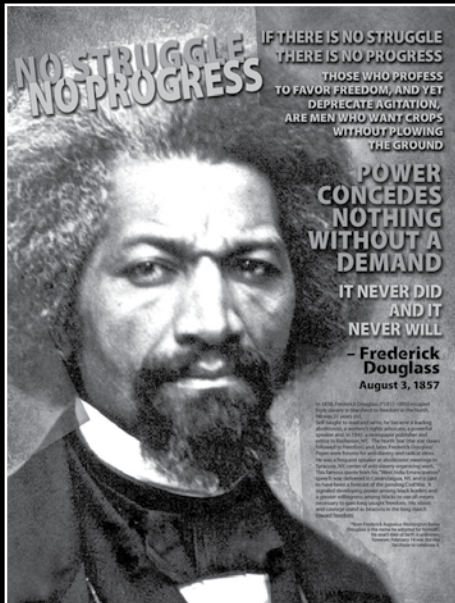
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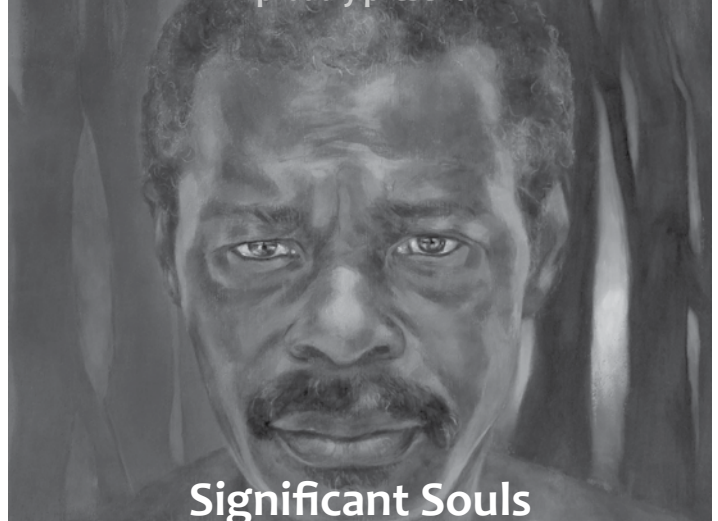
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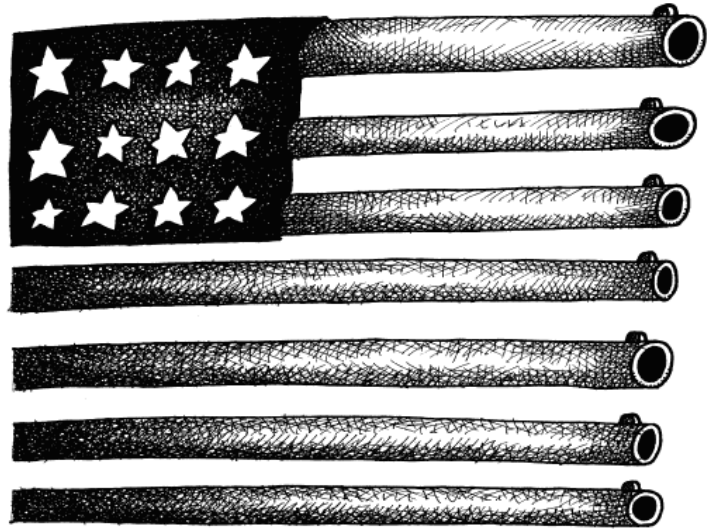
War Update

Seth Rutledge

Editors' note: The PNL is pleased to introduce this new column by Seth Rutledge. (The first edition appeared in last month's issue.) Seth will compile headlines of US-led or US-backed military activity around the world and put them in context when necessary. It's not always easy to see how Washington's influence makes its way into various global affairs. Our hope is that this column will shed light on the reach of the US military-industrial complex and draw attention to the many struggles worldwide that are too often overlooked.

Mexico

On December 21, tens of thousands of Zapatistas peacefully occupied five municipalities in Chiapas and spoke out against the police and paramilitary violence against their communities. On December 23, the Triqui people were brutally evicted from their protest camp in Oaxaca City where they seek the right to return to their lands. The Triqui were driven off their land by paramilitary groups funded by the Mexican government seeking to clear the way for international mining companies.¹ Many indigenous groups in Mexico practice self-rule and deny the legitimacy of the Mexican government's fraudulent elections. The "war on drugs" has been used as a pretext to crush these movements through widespread violations of human rights including killings, torture and disappearances.^{2,3} The conflict has resulted in 70,000 deaths, more than 20,000 disappearances, and more



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than a quarter million displacements over the past five years.⁴ The US has supplied the Mexican government with over \$1.7 billion in military aid since 2008.⁵

Colombia

New reports reveal displacement of indigenous people increased by 83% in 2012, with 5.4 million people displaced since 1985.^{6,7} The increase is attributed to the Colombia Free Trade Agreement, passed in 2011, which allows for the sale of communal landholdings. The US has provided \$7.1 billion in military aid to Colombia since 1996.⁸ The reports reveal that the Colombian military tortured, raped and killed thousands of civilians, then dressed them as militants to justify more military aid from the US, mostly between 2004-2008.^{9,10}

Syria

Hundreds of demonstrations have called for the world to protect the 612,847 refugees in danger of freezing this winter. US ally Saudi Arabia has given \$100 million to the National Coalition, the US-backed opposition government created to distribute funds to militant groups and who envision an Islamic State in Syria.¹¹ The US has sanctioned Al-Nursa, an Al-Qaeda affiliate involved in key victories against the Syrian government, despite the objection of the National Coalition.¹² The UN warns of the sectarian nature of the conflict and the Local Coordinating Committees have called for the Free Syrian Army to refrain from revenge killings of whole communities.¹³

Mali

The French military, with US aid, deployed troops and launched air strikes against Al-Qaeda groups in N. Mali. In 2012, thousands of Tuareg entered Mali, fleeing ethnic cleansing in Libya¹⁴ after the fall of Gaddafi, and attempted to establish an autonomous nation. Al Qaeda groups, strengthened by US support in their fight against Gaddafi and now in control of areas of Libya,^{15,16,17} then supplanted the Tuareg. After the rebellion in the north, the government of Mali in the south was overthrown by a military coup lead by US-trained Captain Amad ou Masogo.^{18,19} Mali has large reserves of gold, uranium, oil and other natural resources.

¹⁻¹⁹ Visit www.peacecouncil.net for references and additional reading. ♣

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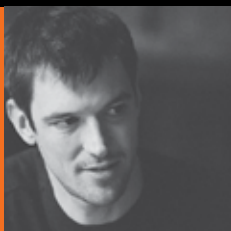
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CONOR GRENNAN



About to turn 30, Conor Grennan embarked on a year-long trip around the world. His first stop, a three-month stint volunteering in the Little Princes Orphanage in war-torn Nepal, changed his life and the lives of countless others. He learned that many of the “little princes” were not orphans, but rather had been stolen from their families by child traffickers. Upon his return to the United States, he learned that seven young children he had befriended had been taken. Grennan was soon back in Kathmandu searching for the kids. He pledged to start an entire new program dedicated to reuniting kids with their lost families in remote villages in the Nepalese hills. The organization he founded, Next Generation Nepal, has reconnected over 350 families with children they feared were lost to them forever.

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TRANSOCEAN FINED

Transocean, the owner of the Deepwater Horizon oil rig, agreed in January to pay \$400 million for criminal penalties, plus \$1 billion in civilian penalties. An explosion on the rig in 2010 released 185 million gallons of oil into the Gulf of Mexico and killed 11 workers. Further, the company has decided to plead guilty to accusations that it violated several of the Clean Water Act's mandates before its next hearing in February.

Of the \$400 million, \$150 million will go to the environmental habitats of the affected areas while another \$150 million will go to clean up and recovery. While government officials call the settlement "significant" for humanity and the environment, experts point towards the Gulf of Mexico's resources valued at almost ten times more than Transocean will pay in damages, demonstrating negligence for the future environmental problems that will result. Transocean has only set aside \$2 billion for affected businesses and individuals in the affected regions. The company will receive more fines, possibly totaling \$21 billion.

Even after evidence of negligence on Transocean's part, its officials have placed blame on the oil rig's crew who they claim ignored safety regulations.

IDLE NO MORE

In October 2012, the Canadian government proposed budget Bill C-45. Including changes to land use and resource rules, it is viewed by many indigenous people and other Canadian residents as a threat to streams and lakes—not only in first nations' territory, but throughout all of Canada.

Idle No More is a new movement that calls for more sovereignty for indigenous peoples. Despite the presence of over one million indigenous people in Canada, the first nations' chiefs were denied entry to government talks on Bill C-45 in December, which prompted mass protests from Idle No More. Facilitated through social media, particularly Twitter, the movement's actions since November 2012 have included blockades of highways, Canada's most vital railroads, and tourist and shopping centers. These actions all across the country have cost Canada millions of dollars in only three months.

Despite widespread and growing support of Idle No More—with nearly 700,000 tweets in early January—Prime Minister Stephen Harper's Conservative Party and the mainstream media continue to oppose its demands.

INAUGURATION PROTESTS

"Let us realize the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice." – Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The Arc of Justice Coalition, a coalition of Washington, DC and national groups, held a rally and march on Inauguration Day. As hundreds of thousands of people celebrated the second inauguration of Barack Obama, peace and justice activists marched down 16th St. calling for an end to corporate and military domination of



Canadian Prime Minister Stephen Harper has been targeted by Idle No More for his conservative and environmentally ignorant policies. Source: Indian Country Today

our political and economic system, a strengthening of the social safety net, an end to wars and occupations, economic and social justice, and the elimination of US killer drones and kill lists. As the march ended, ten members of the National Campaign for Nonviolent Resistance (NCNR) held a die-in to protest the use of militarized drones. Although at first arrests appeared likely, all were released without charges.

To view photos, go to <http://dc.indymedia.org/newswire/display/154127/index.php>; for a video of the die-in, see <http://youtu.be/ru3vHDAVdP0>.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND ALLOWS GAY BISHOPS

On January 4, 2013, the Church of England announced that it will now permit gay bishops to join and remain in the clergy. They may do so under the condition that they remain celibate.

Many bishops from the episcopate are now behind the move, using the argument that sexuality should not be a factor in becoming a bishop as long as all of the other tenets and values of the Church are upheld. The prohibition of having gay bishops has been called "unfair" and "unjust" by a growing number of Anglican clergy.

While there remains an Evangelical segment that wishes to prohibit homosexual bishops, the new rule has survived. Dr. John Jeffrey is an openly gay cleric of a church near London, and in 2003 he was forced to forego accepting a promotion to become a bishop because of the conservative outcry against it. However, under the new ruling he will be allowed to apply for the position again.

The public will be watching the Church of England to see how it decides to determine if applicant clergymen are homosexual and/or celibate. Possibilities include scrutiny into one's past sexual life and repentance for previous sexual activity.

Prisoners / from page 11

tions at Marion. Between 1995 and 2000, the total US prison population grew by 28%; the population in isolation grew 40%. By 2000, the Justice Department estimated there were 80,000 prisoners being held in solitary at any one time in the US. The Commission on Safety and Abuse in America's Prisons claims the real number is much higher.

There is a clear connection between the invented Drug War and the resurgence of solitary confinement as an acceptable form of punishment. The NYCLU reports that the 346% increase in the prison population between 1973 and 1993 (correlated with vastly increased prosecution of nonviolent drug offenders) stressed the prison system with overcrowding that led to unprecedented management and control problems. Prisons responded to this stress by putting inmates in isolation.

Insubstantial Myths

Increased dependence on solitary confinement also mirrored a larger trend in the penal system toward punishment as opposed to rehabilitation. Just as policymakers waxed poetic about how they were "cracking down" on "hardened criminals"—language

intended to make racist laws palatable to the public, as Michelle Alexander argues in her 2010 book *The New Jim Crow*—prison officials welcomed the construction of isolation units as proof of how "tough" their institutions were.

We are told that isolation is reserved for the "worst of the worst"—the most dangerous individuals in the prison population. Even the name of the solitary confinement prison—"super-max"—supports the notion that an extreme level of security is required to handle an extreme level of danger. But how can that be true if any violation can be punished with isolation? The NYCLU found that five out of six punitive isolation sentences are handed down for nonviolent rule infractions. The "worst of the worst" myth is simply not true.

Profit is the bottom line

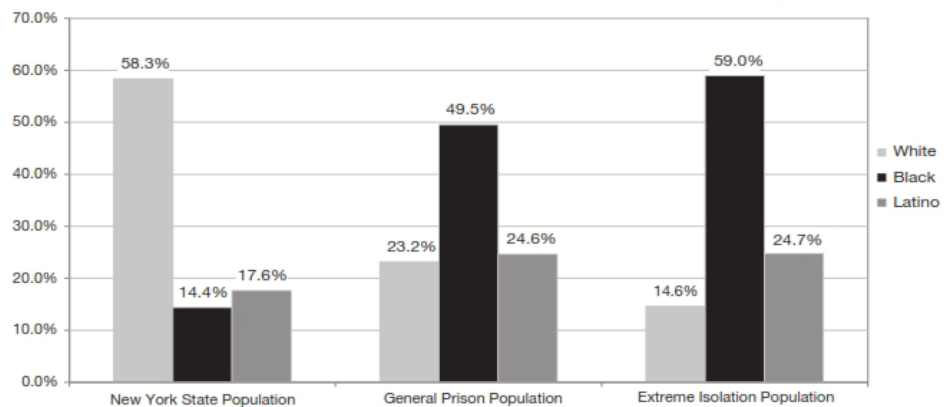
The need for solitary confinement is a myth that supports a profit-driven prison system. Research shows that people released directly from solitary confinement are more likely to reoffend (and end up back in prison) than comparable general population prisoners. These crimes are also more likely to be violent and therefore garner a longer prison sentence.

This state of affairs is tragic, but it's not surprising. The US prison system locks people up with no human contact and no meaningful work, denies them access to mental health care, and then releases them with no transitional programming whatsoever. The only beneficiary in this warped system is a prison system that profits from holding more inmates.

New Yorkers, our task is clear. We must stop torturing our fellow New Yorkers. We must reject the punitive, profit-driven imprisonment culture, and we must end the racist Drug War.

Sources for this article can be found at www.peacecouncil.net or by writing to the PNL committee (see page 3 for address). ♻️

Racial Distribution
New York State vs. General Prison Population vs. Extreme Isolation Population



A disciplinary system where government officials may act with substantial discretion creates opportunities for bias and prejudice to influence who receives punishment. One manifestation of this may be the disproportionate number of black prisoners in the SHU as compared to the overall prison population.

State population data from Census 2010. Prison population data from "Security Level and Facility by Ethnic Status, DOCCS Under Custody Pop. Jan. 1, 2012," obtained through FOIL and on file with the NYCLU. SHU population data from "Table 3H: Race/Ethnicity for Offenders Housed in SHU - DOCCS Under Custody Pop. Jan. 1, 2012," obtained through FOIL and on file with the NYCLU.

Source: "Boxed In," NYCLU, 2012.

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New SU/ESF Campaign Seeks Divestment from Fossil Fuel Industry

Stephanie Lee, Chiara Klein, Mike Smith, and Ben Kuebrich

Two thousand twelve brought not only record breaking temperatures, but also superstorms like Hurricane Sandy, record drought, and recent brushfires that have ravaged Australia. The earth is sending us a message: we cannot continue our rate of greenhouse gas emissions without facing dire consequences.

Both nationally and locally, awareness of climate change has created a movement encouraging universities across 300 campuses to discontinue their investments in the fossil fuel industry. The goal is to ultimately persuade the US government and energy industry to switch from oil and coal to renewable energy, significantly reducing destructive carbon emissions.

Fossil fuel divestment campaigns couldn't come at a more necessary time or place. The US failed to ratify the Kyoto protocol and has detoured other meaningful international agreements, most recently at the Doha climate conference. With many public leaders still denying global warming and fossil fuel companies pushing for new, riskier methods of fossil fuel extraction, a US youth movement against climate change is desperately needed. We can't wait any longer.

After a campus visit by environmentalist Bill McKibben last October, Syracuse University and SUNY-ESF joined the national movement to divest from fossil fuels and have been working to build student, faculty, and alumni support. The campaign seeks to both educate the local student bodies and to influence their respective administrations to divest from the fossil fuel industry.

The urgency of these actions is made clear by looking at the numbers. In 2009, the international community agreed to cap

global warming at 2°C (3.6°F)—the maximum allowable increase that the earth's climate can handle without devastating



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consequences. As a point of reference, we have created a 0.8°C (1.4°F) global temperature rise since the early 20th century—roughly half the allowable amount—with significant damage to the planet already. To keep below 2°C, we need to burn less than 565 gigatons of carbon, an amount we will reach in less than 16 years given current rates. However, the total amount the fossil fuel companies have in reserves and plan to burn is 2,795 gigatons, nearly five times the amount required to reach the limit. We are well on our way to passing this point of no return in the next couple of decades. An increase in global surface temperatures such as this would have devastating effects: heretofore unheralded human migration, floods, drought, the erasure of coastal regions and island nations, food shortages, and unpredictable weather patterns like that which brought us Hurricane Sandy. We have to do something now to mitigate the consequences.

For institutions like universities with a stake in building a better future, investing in fossil fuels is a contradictory action. Bill McKibben writes, “It just doesn't make sense for universities to invest in a system that will leave their students no livable planet to use their degrees on.” And divestment is a tactic that has worked before. US students in the 1980s encouraged their universities to drop stocks tied to South African apartheid, a movement that was so powerful that in Nelson Mandela's first post-apartheid trip to the US, he went straight to the University of California to thank the students for their efforts.

With the \$400 billion in endowments nationwide and \$940 million at Syracuse University alone, the national movement hopes to put pressure on fossil fuel companies and investors by making fossil fuels a financial, environmental, and moral liability. After years of waiting for the right politicians to draft legislation that addresses the urgency of climate change, this campaign directs its action at the companies who make their business out of polluting the planet.

Climate change is among the biggest challenges humanity faces, and no one action will overcome it. It will take a massive shift in consciousness and lifestyle as well as global political action. Divestment in the US is a tactic that can help spark this paradigm shift. The movement must also spread further than college campuses if it is to succeed. Churches, community organizations, and even the city of Seattle have joined the commitment to divest. As citizens of the Syracuse community, you can help in many ways:

You can find our petitions and sign at: www.gofossilfree.org/campaigns.

If you are an SU or ESF alumna/us, we would love to have you involved—contact us by email.

If you are a community organization interested in divestment, we can direct you to resources that will help you get started.

If you are SU or ESF faculty, staff, or student, we meet Fridays at 3 pm. Contact us for details.

The authors are students involved in the SU/ESF Fossil Fuel Divestment Campaign. Please contact the movement at DivestSyracuse@gmail.com.

tine and Israel meets at **11:30 am** on the **first Thursday of every month** at the Peace Council office. Contact Jessica.

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation

(NOON) is a grassroots effort of Central New Yorkers supporting the sovereignty of the Onondaga Nation's traditional government. We collaborate with the Onondaga on environmental protection and restoration. Currently, NOON's projects include correcting historical roadside markers and organizing for a hydrofracking ban, which we have been doing since 2009 when the Onondaga brought this issue to us. The NOON Steering Committee meetings are on **second Tuesdays at 7 pm** at the Peace Council office and are open to anyone interested in getting involved and learning more. We also welcome opportunities to share our work with other community groups. Contact Ursula or Carol.

Full Speed Ahead to Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free

The Alliance for a Green Economy (AGREE) campaign for a study that would look at how New York can go Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free has gained the support of over 1,000 individuals and is now moving to the New York State legislature for funding. The Alliance has gained an ally in the New York assembly who will ask for the study's inclusion in the next New York State budget, and we are now working toward gathering more organizational and individual endorsements for the study. If you belong to an organization that would like to sign on, please contact Jessica. And if you're an individual who hasn't signed one of the Carbon-Free, Nuclear-Free postcards, visit the AGREE website: www.agreenewyork.org to sign one.

Soda Stream Flash Mob

If you haven't seen the footage yet, check out the Peace Council's website (www.peacecouncil.net) for video of our holiday season protest urging a boycott of Soda Stream. Soda Stream is a product made in an illegal Israeli settlement in Occupied Palestine, and our theatrical protest was part of the international movement to boycott companies that profit from the illegal occupation.

Grassroots Organizing to End Corporate Rule

Move to Amend is a national coalition of hundreds of organizations (including the Peace Council!) committed to social and economic justice, ending corporate rule, and building a vibrant democracy that is genuinely accountable to the people. We are calling for an amendment to the US Constitution to unequivocally state that inalienable rights belong to human beings only, and that money is not a form of protected free speech under the First Amendment and can be regulated in political campaigns.

Twenty Syracuse activists with Move to Amend (MTA) and Public Citizen's Democracy is for People campaign braved the bitter cold on January 18 to mark the 3rd anniversary of the



Nina Wickett and Lynn Cahill-Hoy at a January 18 rally to mark the 3rd Anniversary of Citizens United. Photo: Steve Reiter

Supreme Court's Citizens United ruling with a rally followed by door-to-door petitioning. You can sign and share the petition online at www.movetoamend.org—the goal is 1000 signers by the end of February.

In the coming months, MTA of CNY will bring the petitions to the Common Council and ask that Syracuse join 174 other municipalities across the country with a resolution in support of the Constitutional amendment protecting Constitutional rights for people only, not corporations.

An important action you can take to support this campaign is to call your City Councilor and ask her/him to support the resolution when it comes before the Syracuse Common Council. Also, you can be part of the campaign by circulating the petition among friends and family—send them a link to www.movetoamend.org or get a paper copy by contacting Ursula at SPC. The next meeting of Move to Amend CNY will be on **February 21, 7 pm** at the Center for Peace and Social Justice. For more information, contact Michael, 663-5640.

Welcome Interns!

SPC is again abuzz with interns offering their skills and energy to the Peace Council's organizing work. James O'Hara (SU), a *Daily Orange* columnist with an interest in conflict resolution, and Garrett Boak (OCC) who brings a class-based political analysis, will support the Ground the Drones/End the Wars committee in the lead up to large-scale anti-war actions in April. Emily Bishop, Aya Yamamoto and Jason Smith will be working with the Two Row Wampum campaign. Stop by to say "Hi!"

Website Overhaul

SPC has a new state-of-the-art website! We are still in the process of migrating content from our old website, but we hope this new website will better serve our activist community. If you're a techie type, you might be interested to know the site is powered by the Drupal Content Management System. For non-techies, suffice it to say that the new website is powerful, with many great features making it easier for us to update the site and manage our

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information. We expect to be launching new sections of the site throughout the year, including a blog and community calendar. If you can't find something that used to be on the old site, contact us. Thanks to Jessica Azulay, Rich Vallejo, and Brian Dominick (site developers) and Carol Baum, Andy Mager, Andy Molloy and Mike Miller (website committee) for lots of hard work on this project. And also, thank you to everyone who donated to make the new website possible.



Stalwart Peace-Outreachers Ann Tiffany and Ed Kinane with a provocative take on Obama's MLK-Day inauguration. Photo: unknown.

"Justice" at the County Jail

The United as One Coalition, of which SPC is a founding member, has launched a campaign to establish an independent oversight mechanism to protect inmates in the Onondaga County "Justice" Center. After many instances of brutality, neglect, death and murder at the jail, no process at any level of government seems able to ensure accountability for what happens or does not happen in the jail. United as One is organizing to impose oversight over the policies, practices and incidents in the jail. The next step in this campaign is to organize a speak-out at the first 2013 session of the County Legislature. Show up, sign in and speak out. **Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1 pm. Onondaga County Legislature, 401 Montgomery St., Room 407.** Contact Ursula, 472-5478.

International Women's Day Solidarity Salsa Dance

¡Que Viva La Mujer! The CNY Colombia Support Network invites you to a very special ¡Solidarity Salsa Dance-Fiesta Hermandad! to celebrate International Women's Day on **Saturday March 9, 7-10:30 pm at ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave.** The dance will be a shared fundraiser for the CNY-Cajibío, Colombia Sister Community Project and for the Peace Council. A survival salsa lesson at 7:30 sharp with dance sensation Kanat Bolazar will help you get through the night. \$10 suggested donation (5-20 sliding scale admission). There will be a wine and beer cash bar—more details to come! Contact Ursula.

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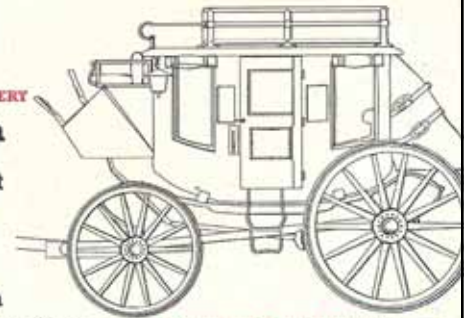
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Community Training in Ecological Design - Opening Weekend (Feb 2 & 3). 10am-4pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid. 308-1372.
Gay and Lesbian Catholics. 5pm. All Saints Church, 1304 Lancaster Ave. 770-2155.



10
Significant Souls Unveiling Event - Religious Freedom Room. 3-5pm. Gage Center, 210 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville. 637-9511.

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SPC High School Outreach Meeting. 5pm. 2013 E. Genesee, 2nd Flr. Jessica, 200-2155.

Two Row Wampum Renewal Campaign: Sharing the River of Life. 7pm. Syracuse Stage, 820 E. Genesee St. Andy, 701-1592.

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Gay and Lesbian Catholics. 5pm. All Saints Church, 1304 Lancaster Ave. 770-2155.



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Significant Souls Unveiling Event - Underground Railroad Room. 3-5pm. Gage Center, 210 E. Genesee St., Fayetteville. 637-9511.

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Environmental Leadership Campaign Kick-off. 5:30 - 7pm. The Fort Orange Club, 110 Washington Ave., Albany, Hilary, 646-448-4300, ext. 204
Syracuse Greens Monthly Mtg. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St., 1st Floor. Howie, 425-1019.

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United as One "Justice" at the Jail Speak-out. 1pm. Onondaga County Legislature, 401 Montgomery, Rm. 407. Ursula, 472-5478.
Sweatshop Worker Speaker events. 4 & 6pm. University area. Joy, 646-256-5727.
Peace Outreach: Ground the Drones. 4:15-5pm. Hancock Air Base (E. Molloy Rd., Mattydale). Ann or Ed, 472-5478.
Partnership for Onondaga Creek Meeting. 6pm. Brady Faith, 404 South Ave. Aggie 478-4571, onondagacreek.

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NOON Steering Comm Mtg. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee St, 2nd Floor. Ursula, 427-5478.
SUN Southside Coalition. 7pm. Payton Memorial Temple, 1816 Midland Ave.

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SPC Steering Comm. Meeting. 7-9pm. Open to SPC supporters. Contact www.facebook.com/westsideidentscoalition.

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SUN Westside Coalition. 7pm. Brown Memorial, 228 Davis St. 476-7475.
EVERY MON. Westside Residents Coalition. 6:30-8pm. Spanish Action League/La Liga, 700 Oswego St. www.facebook.com/westsideidentscoalition.

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EVERY MON. Meditation class. 12-1pm. Hendricks Chapel (lower level). SU campus. 443-4526. Free.

UPCOMING EVENTS:
March 6: Drones Organizing Meeting. 6:30pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. Contact Amelia, 472-5478.
March 9: International Women's Day Solidarity Salsa Dance. 7pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. Contact Ursula, 472-5478.
March 24: Strike for Peace Bowloathon. Time TBA. Flamingo Bowl, 7239 Oswego Rd. (Rt. 57). Liverpool. Amelia, 472-5478.
See peacecouncil.net/Events for full details on all upcoming SPC events.

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Interfaith Worker Vigil. 7pm. All Saints Church, 112 Lancaster Ave. Joy, 646-256-2nd fl. Jessica, 472-5478.
Words and Music: Songwriter Woodshed. 6pm. Cafe at 407, 407 Tulip St., Liverpool. folksus.org.
Caribbean Cinematic Film Festival. Community Folk Art Center, 805 E. Genesee. Through Feb 10. 442-2230.

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WOMEN'S LIBERATION

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Shaleshock CNY Meeting. 6pm. Onondaga Free Library. Jack, 424-1454 or ramskids2go@aol.com.
Skunk City Neighborhood Association. 6:30pm. Mundy Library, 1204 S. Geddes St. 476-7475.

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Southeast University Neighborhood Association (SEUNA) Annual Meeting. 7-9pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave.

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PFLAG Meeting. 7-9pm. First Presbyterian Church 620 W. Genesee St.



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CNY Working for a Just Peace in Palestine and Israel meeting. 11:30am. SPC office. Hall, SU, Nicholas, 443-9248.
EVERY THURS. Talk to a Lawyer. 6-8pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 478-8634. Free.
MLK Celebration: Non-violence Talk. 5:30-6:30pm. Panasci Family Chapel, 201 S. West St. 425-0405.
1st & 3rd Thur. Postpartum Support Group. 7pm. Women's Information Center 601. Allen St. Christine, 546-

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A Valentine Wish with Karen Oberlin. 8pm. The Red House, 201 S. West St. 425-0405.

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Move to Amend meeting. 7pm. 2013 E. Genesee. Michael, 663-5640.
SUN Southwest Action Council. 7pm. Brady Faith, 404 South Ave. 476-7475.
The People Speak. 7pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711.

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PNL Mailing Party. 4pm. SPC office, 2013 E. Genesee St., 2nd floor. Free pizza. 472-5711.
Miss Representation. 7pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711.

FEB 1
Seth Glier. 8pm. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee.
Shaded items are Syracuse Peace Council related events. Info: peacecouncil.net, 315-5711.

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A Sinking Ship of State: Understanding Mali's Crisis. 12:30pm-2pm. 341 Eggert Hall, SU, Nicholas, 443-9248.
EVERY THURS. Talk to a Lawyer. 6-8pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid Ave. 478-8634. Free.

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Grace Pettis. 8pm. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee. folksus.org.
A Valentine Wish with Karen Oberlin. 8pm. The Red House, 201 S. West St. 425-0405.



MAR 1
Scott Ainslie. 8pm. May Memorial, 3800 E. Genesee. folksus.org.

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Dialogues on Deconstructing War Zones. 8:30am - 5:30pm. Sponsored by the Africa Initiative. SU's Whitman School of Management. Lender Aud., Rm. Som-007.
Erin Brokovich. 8pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711.
Stone Canoe Annual Art Exhibition Opening Reception. 3pm-5pm. Community Folk Art Center, 805 E. Genesee. 442-2230.

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Malcolm X. 8pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711.
2013 Red House Winter Benefit. 6pm. Palace Theatre, 2384 James St.
A Wall Street Odyssey. 8pm. The Red House, 201 S. West St. 425-0405.
Loren Barrigar & Mark Mazengarb. 8pm. Westcott Community Center, 826 Euclid. 478-8634.

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Milk. 8pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711.

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Pax Christi Mtg. 9:30am. 208 Slocum Ave. 475-2811.
Cradle Will Rock. 8pm. ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave. 218-5711.

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EVERY SAT. Democracy Now! 9-11am. Time Warner
EVERY SAT. Sharing the Earth (PAR). 10pm. Time