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UCSC's College Nine, College Ten and Oakes College Present:

PRACTICAL ACTIVISMS ACTIVISMS

Saturday, October 27, 2007 Colleges Nine and Ten Multipurpose Room



WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS: Choose one workshop in each block

Pass the Teargas: Student Activism at UCSC - (Namaste Lounge) - UCSC Alumni and former UC Alumni Regent, Gary Novack, and History of Consciousness graduate student, Gregory Caldwell, will facilitate an interactive discussion about what it means to be a student activist in today's socio-political climate. This workshop will also cover the history of activism on our campus and effective ways to have your activism make a difference.

Across the Border: A Critical Look at Immigration - (Community Room) - This workshop will focus on the impact of immigration on the US economy and other aspects of our society, while debunking myths about immigration. Locally, it will address the ICE Raids in Watsonville and also provide students the means to get involved in the community. Guest speakers include Latin American and Latino Studies professors Jonathan Fox and Jose Palafox.

Transgender Prisoners: Transed in a Gender Binary - (SS1, Room 110) - Rashad Shabazz, doctoral student in the History of Consciousness Department and prison abolitionist, will speak about the discrimination and hardships that transgender prisoners face in today's penal system. Issues revolving around the gender binary, sexuality, and the prison industrial complex will also be discussed.

Crimes Against Humanity: Hurricanes Katrina & Rita - (SS2, Room 75) - The mainstream media's representation of Hurricanes Katrina & Rita is quite possibly inaccurate, most notably in terms of the general understanding of the immediate rescue and relief given to New Orleans residents and the city's current state. This workshop will provide a (re)education of government actions in response to the hurricanes as well as providing ways you can contribute to the recovery of New Orleans and it's citizens.

Buyer Be-Aware: Being a Conscious Consumer - (SS2, Room 71) - This workshop will foster awareness and provide tools regarding our responsibilities as consumers in the local and global communities. Professor Dana Frank and student activists will discuss the global history of consumerism and address sustainable and social consumer movements.

The Absence of Color - (Namaste Lounge) - This workshop focuses on the lack of an Ethnic Studies department at UC Santa Cruz, the only UC without such a program. We hope to promote awareness of and encourage a dialogue around the current academic atmosphere on campus. Guest speaker Paul Ortiz will engage the audience in thinking in terms of the current "absence of color" at UCSC.

Privatization of Water: Owning Water. Owning Life - (Community Room) - Is water a right or a privilege? Who has access to water and who does not? This workshop will delve into the issues lurking around water privatization, who it affects and how they survive within these conditions. Professor Ben Crow and student activists will show how complicated and difficult it is for some people just to have basic access to this necessity, and what you can do to bring awareness to others and make a difference.

Defending Our Campus: Armed Students? - (SS1, Room 110) - James Armstead, Law of War professor at UCSC, will lead a discussion and O and A session focusing on international gun control politics, specifically their relevance to college campuses domestically and abroad.

Act for Change: Tools for Empowerment - (SS2, Room 75) - Learn to successfully manipulate the system to bring attention to your issues and alter the status quo. This interactive workshop, featuring Crystal Strait, Political Director of the California Democratic Party, will address obstacles young people face in getting involved and provide techniques to get your issues to those who really make the decisions:

Girl Fight: Challenging Racism & Sexism in the Media - (Café Revolución) — Popular culture is constantly affecting us in ways that we are unaware of. This interactive workshop featuring Dr. Francesca Guerra will explore the ways in which we are sold racist and sexist propaganda and will inspire you to look at the media with a critical eve.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY & SPEAKER BIOS

10:45 AM to Noon

Registration, Refreshments, Creative Activist Activities, Tabling & Live Music Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room

Noon to 12:50 PM

Opening Session including Keynote Speaker, Angela Davis **Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room**

1:00 PM to 2:15 PM

Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Choose one of the five workshops from each block)

2:25 PM to 3:40 PM

Concurrent Workshop Sessions (Choose one of the five workshops from each block)

3:30 PM to 5:00 PM

Refreshments, Creative Activist Activities, Organization & Resource Tables, & Spoken Word Performance **Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room**

KEYNOTE SPEAKER: ANGELA DAVIS

Through her activism and her scholarship over the last decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in our nation's quest for social iustice. Her work as an educator — both at the university level and in the larger public sphere — has always emphasized the importance of building communities of struggle for economic, racial, and gender equality.

Professor Davis' teaching career has taken her to San Francisco State University, Mills College, and UC Berkeley. She has also taught at UCLA, Vassar, the Claremont Colleges, and Stanford University. She has spent the last fifteen years at the University of California Santa Cruz where she is Professor of History of Consciousness, an interdisciplinary Ph.D program, and Professor of Feminist Studies. Professor Davis has authored eight books, the most recent of which are Abolition Democracy and Are Prisons Obsolete?

ALSO FEATURING...

FRITZ

Santa Cruz reggae-rock band 'Colors,' consists of band members Tomas Gomez, lead vocalist/rhythm guitarist; Tyler Blake, lead guitarist/vocalist; Tom Rich, bass guitar; and Barrett Eistetter, drums. The band is thankful to be here helping to focus the world toward awareness of the many important issues that will be discussed today. Tomas is a UCSC Alum, Barrett is a UCSC Senior, and Tyler and Tom attend Cabrillo Community College.

SPOKEN WORD PERFORMANCES FROM:

Daniel "Fritz" Hershel Silber-Baker, is a native of south Berkeley now living in Brooklyn, NY. Between 2004 and 2006 he was a crucial member of the UC Santa Cruz team at the College Unions Poetry Slam Invitational. In 2006, he was voted "Best Poet" at the Collegiate National Championships. He shares his poems with a sense of urgency that calls us to take action in re-humanizing our own lives and the world around us.

ACTIVIST ACTIVITIES:

ART POSTCARDS & BUTTON-MAKING

Make a button reflecting a social justice issue close to your heart or create an art postcard that will tell the university how you feel about diversity issues on campus, reflect your feelings on global climate change, or express your thoughts regarding the Jena 6. Supplies available throughout the day.

MUSIC STATION

Listen to a sampling of music reflecting social justice issues and activism. Names of artists, songs, and play lists will be available

SCRIBBLE WALL

Voice yourself! Share your thoughts and observations about social justice issues, or respond to the day's events on the scribble wall posted outside the Multipurpose Room.

Change Happens. Take Action Today...

DAVID SCOTT

David Scott is a renowned spoken word artist originally from Sacramento. He is a UCSC Alum (Theater Arts) and is an active member of his community.