

COLLEGE NINE, COLLEGE TEN & OAKES COLLEGE PRESENT

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PRACTICAL ACTIVISM 2009

TOOLS FOR LOCAL & GLOBAL CHANGE

SATURDAY * OCTOBER 24

COLLEGES NINE & TEN MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, UCSC



A DAY OF INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS

WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Choose one workshop in each block:

BLOCK ONE: 1:00PM - 2:15PM

Afghanistan: Obama's Vietnam

SSII Room 71 Is the war in Afghanistan justified? Amidst an economic crisis and the increasingly unwinnable conditions prevailing in Afghanistan, is the US occupation worth it? With speakers Todd Chretien and Zoya, this workshop will explore the personal and political consequences of the US war in Afghanistan with activist voices from on and off the front lines.

Deconstructing Disney

SSII Room 75 In this interactive workshop, you will learn about both the underlying and blatant representations of sexism, racism, hyper-masculinity, beauty, heterosexism, ableism, gender roles, classism, and misogyny in Disney films as portrayed by familiar images as well as language in often-beloved song lyrics and dialogue.

Moving Away From Reefer Madness

SSI Room 110 This workshop will demystify the dangers and stigmas often associated with marijuana, and show how the criminalization of marijuana does more harm than good. The governmental regulation of the drug is overwhelmingly riddled with racism, fear, and an interest in protection of corporate profits. UCSC Sociology professor Craig Reinerman and student presenters will discuss these issues, the history, its politicization, and its many benefits.

Hurricane Katrina: The Social Disaster

Community Room Why is it that four years after Katrina, it is still the responsibility of thousands of volunteers to rebuild a city the government has abandoned? Come learn how Hurricane Katrina has been both a natural and social disaster and how the treatment of New Orleans in the aftermath of Katrina is a powerful example of institutionalized racism and systemic oppression.

Organizing 101

Café Revolución What is the difference between activism and organizing? In this workshop, long-time economic justice organizer James Tracy will walk participants through the basics of organizing, drawing from the rich tradition of worker-student alliances for living wages. Come prepared to participate as we learn the basics of building power while bringing the noise.

BLOCK TWO: 2:25PM - 3:40PM

Shrinking Your Footprint One Step at a Time

SSII Room 71 Learn how to shrink your carbon footprint through waste reduction – from small decisions made in your everyday life, to recycling and eating sustainably to smart consumerism. This workshop features several speakers and an interactive exercise to inform you about how to make conscious choices to reduce your impact on the earth.

Armed with a Camera

SSII Room 75 This workshop will cover various approaches, strategies, and techniques on how to produce a political/social documentary and how to utilize documentary filmmaking as a form of organizing and activism. Participants of this workshop will have the opportunity to create their own piece of social documentation and display it at the conference.

UC Budget Cuts and Coalition Building

SSI Room 110 This workshop will inform you about the current UC budget crisis and include you in a discussion on practical and strategic ways to get involved. Our panel will include prominent UC staff and administrators, as well as representatives from student organizations that are currently taking action around the budget crisis.

911: Queer Healthcare Now!

Café Revolución This workshop provides a general overview of the issues in our health care system and focuses specifically on how the current system affects the health and the quality of life of LGBTI community members. Come learn about health insurance inequalities, policy restrictions, specific LGBTI health care needs, and strategies for protecting and increasing medical rights for LGBTI people.

Justice for AB540 Students

Namaste Lounge In this participatory workshop, HeadRush Crew, an Oakland-based spoken word teatro group, will use Theater of the Oppressed techniques to guide participants through a creative, critical dialogue on key issues faced by AB540 (undocumented) students and a collective exploration of strategies for addressing these issues.

SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

10:45-12:00 **Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room**
Registration, Refreshments, Tabling, Creative Activist Opportunities
& DJ C*No

12:00-12:50 **Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room**
Opening Session, Spoken Word, Keynote Speaker Bettina Aptheker

1:00-2:15 **Choose one of the five workshops from each block**
First Session of Concurrent Workshops

2:25-3:40 **Choose one of the five workshops from each block**
Second Session of Concurrent Workshops

3:30-5:00 **Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room**
Tabling, Refreshments, Performance, Creative Activist Opportunities

6:00-7:00 **Oakes Learning Center**
Head Rush Crew closing performance, "Aliso in Workerland"

KEYNOTE SPEAKER **BETTINA APTHEKER**



Bettina Aptheker has played an important role in major historical and political events ranging from her co-leadership of the Free Speech Movement in Berkeley, to the movements against the war in Vietnam and the trial of Angela Davis, to the building of the Women's (now Feminist) Studies Department at UCSC. Aptheker has a national reputation for her talents as an instructor and began as the sole lecturer in the UCSC Feminist Studies Department 29 years ago. Since then, she has taught many thousands of students at UCSC and is widely regarded as one of the most inspirational and influential professors on campus.

ALSO FEATURING . . .

DJ C*No

DJ C*No [Chris Guevarra] is a student at UCSC and part of Mass Movement, a collection of socially and politically progressive artists utilizing film, music and art as a way to serve the people (massmovementtv.blogspot.com). DJ C*No will be spinning from 10:45 AM until noon.

Spoken Word by Storm Thomas

Storm is a 3rd year College Ten student with a passion for social justice. Storm is a Feminist Studies major and has been in Rainbow Theater for 3 years.

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Raised by the social justice and inner evolutionary movements, imani's music is marinated in calls to justice, love, and personal inquiry. A tender vocalist whose heart is heard in every note, a lyrical wizard concocting potions for a new tomorrow, iamani makes music for the family of humanity, and it slaps!

ACTIVIST AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE DAY

10:45AM-11:45AM & 3:30PM-5:00PM

350.org and Environmental Activity and Info Booth

Stop by for some hands-on activities and displays that highlight important environmental issues. Photo Booth, pledges, cookie demonstration - and more! October 24, 2009 is a planetary day of action on these issues - don't stand on the sidelines!

Express Yourself!

Contribute to our interactive collaborative art piece in honor of Practical Activism and your passion for social justice! Or, make a card for your favorite activist or an elected official you want to write to about an issue!

Button Making

Design a button to express the importance of a social justice issue close to your heart. Supplies will be provided throughout the day.

Missing Piece

Want to learn more about the workshops you couldn't attend? You can get a glimpse into one major issue of every workshop by following this adaptation of Shel Silverstein's "The Missing Piece Meets the Big-O." Life-size story boards are outside of every major Practical Activism destination ending at Oakes for the Head Rush Crew performance. The "Missing Piece" scavenger hunt will show you that while you may search far and wide, the most important tools for activism can be found within you. Up throughout the day.

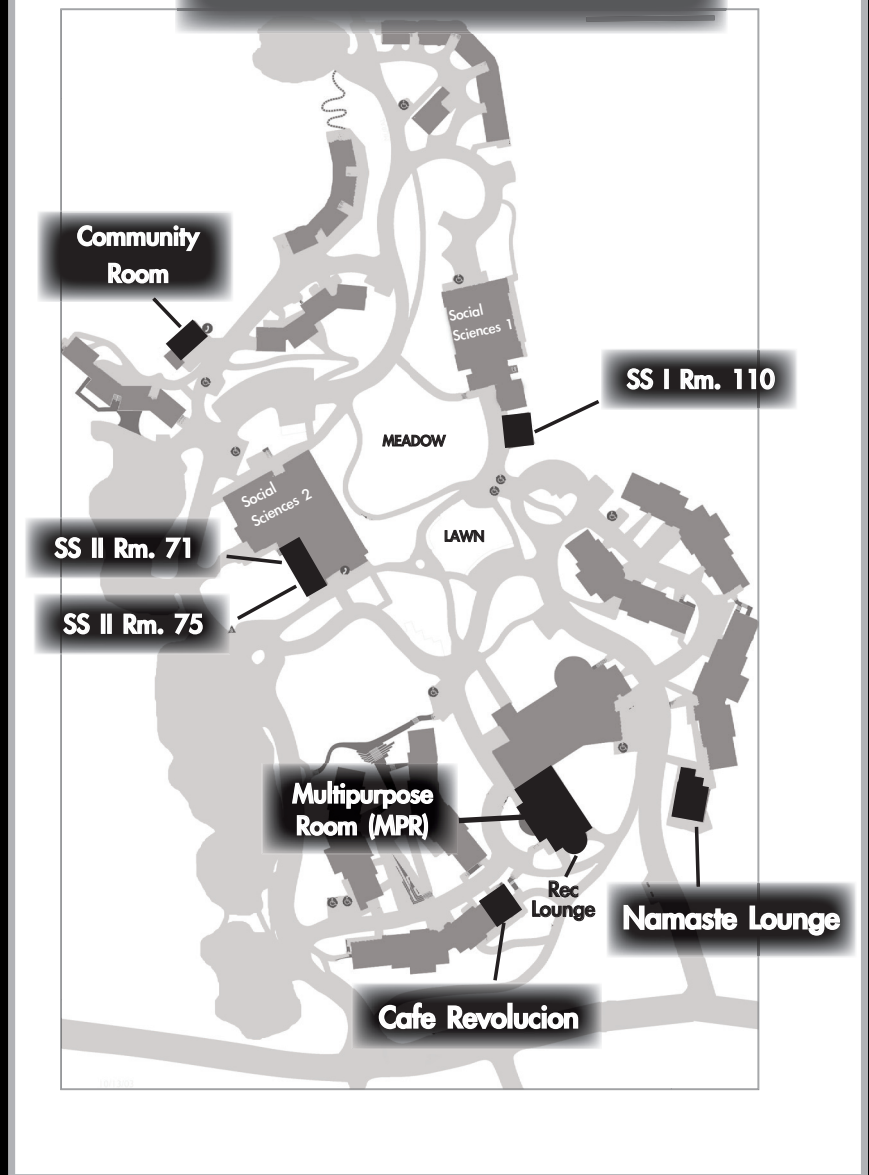
3:30PM-5:00PM

Stenciling

Let your creativity out to play! Create social justice inspired stencils and transfer your designs onto patches or your own transfer surface (t-shirt, bag, etc.). Pre-made stencils are also on hand, so don't be shy!

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PRACTICAL ACTIVISM 2009 MAP OF WORKSHOP LOCATIONS



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COMMUNITY AGROECOLOGY NETWORK

Community Agroecology Network (CAN) has partnered with Practical Activism all seven years of our history. CAN is an international network committed to sustaining livelihoods and environments through action education, participatory research, and alternative trade.
canunite.org



350.org is an international campaign to inspire the world to rise to the challenge of the climate crisis. 350 (parts per million) has been identified by scientists as the safe upper limit for CO₂ in our atmosphere. To tackle climate change we need to act in unison—this December, world leaders will meet in Copenhagen, Denmark to craft a new global treaty on cutting emissions. The problem is, the treaty currently on the table doesn't meet the severity of the climate crisis—it doesn't pass the 350 test. To unite the public, media, and our political leaders behind the 350 goal, a planetary day of action has been planned for October 24, 2009.