

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Choose one workshop in each block:

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

### The "Resource Curse"

**SSII Room 71** Why do countries with large amounts of natural resources experience significant struggles both socially and environmentally? Learn about the "Resource Curse" and extractive industries in the United States and Latin America from academic and activist points of view. Also, hear the story of a UCSC alumni activist, who fought for indigenous people's rights in Colombia.

### AB 540 Student Voice and Activism

**SSII Room 75** What does it mean to be an undocumented student trying to obtain a college education? Through multimedia digital stories and personal narratives, AB 540 students will share their experiences. Learn about the organizing efforts for the passage of the Dream Act and how to support AB 540 students on campus and beyond.

### GenderFUCK

**SSI Room 110** This interactive workshop explores gender and sex, and challenges heteronormative views. UCSC Community Studies professor Marcia Ochoa and History of Consciousness PhD student and lecturer Eric Stanley will facilitate a discussion on queer rights.

### The School to Prison Pipeline

**Namaste Lounge** Explore how issues such as zero tolerance policy, standardized testing, and teaching style cause racial inequities in K-12 education. Learn how these inequalities have extreme effects on students of color, including not only an inadequate education, but also a disproportionate rate of incarceration.

### Behind the Bars on Mental Health

**Café Revolución** What comes to mind when you think of mental illness? This workshop will provide tools to counter stigmas with sensitive awareness and open dialogue. UCSC Psychology Professor Craig Haney and a panel of students will examine the consequences of the deinstitutionalization of mental health services and how our nation's prisons are potentially serving as the "new asylums."

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

### Natural Causes, Social Disaster

**SSII Room 71** Learn about media representation and response to the social disasters in Haiti and New Orleans. John Brown Childs, award-winning UCSC Sociology professor emeritus, will discuss the contexts through which people of color are victimized and criminalized in the media.

### Aid in Africa: Helpful or Harmful?

**SSII Room 75** In the last 60 years, the international community has poured over a trillion dollars into the development of Africa, yet growth continues to decline and poverty levels have increased. What's happening to the money? This workshop will explore different aid models and their effectiveness while offering criteria to consider when contributing to aid in Africa.

### A Look at SB1070

**SSI Room 110** This workshop will contextualize the current immigration debate while also providing first person accounts and visuals of the May 29th weekend of action contra SB 1070. The presenters will also provide a space of dialogue in which to discover ideas, strategies and resources to keep the movement for immigrant rights moving forward.

### MCing as Social Resistance

**Namaste Lounge** Bay Area hip hop group, BRWN BFLO, will give a presentation exploring, empowering, and inspiring musical consciousness. They will frame hip hop music as a form of social commentary, a community building tool, and a tool for outreach as values are readdressed and the power of words is reinforced.

### What Color do UC?: Post-209 Reality

**Café Revolución** Learn about how the passage of Prop. 209 led to the UC system's betrayal of students, particularly students of color. Former UC administrator Bob Laird will present UC policies that have negatively impacted funding and admissions. Recent UCSC graduate and spoken word artist, Terisa Siagatonu, will bring first hand accounts of her experience as a student and activist.

# SCHEDULE OF THE DAY

**10:45-12:00** Colleges Nine & Ten Multipurpose Room  
Registration, Refreshments, Creative Activist Opportunities, Fair Trade Goods & Music

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

**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, & Fair Trade Goods

## UCSC Farm Cart

Be a conscious consumer! Our very own UCSC Farm will be providing freshly harvested, organically grown seasonal fruits and vegetables, flower bouquets, and more! Bring your reusable grocery bag!

## Fair Trade Goods

Rising International, a local organization, aims to help put an end to poverty by selling Fair Trade goods handmade by women in the highest risk situations. These include women in refugee camps, those with HIV/AIDS, homeless women, displaced immigrants, former slaves or those in war-torn regions.

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER AARONETTE WHITE



Aaronette White is an Associate Professor of Psychology at UCSC who teaches on various topics including peace psychology and the psychology of oppression and liberation. Her keynote address "Scholar Activism: Vacation and Adventure!" offers insight and inspiration from a perspective that interweaves higher education and social responsibility.

## ALSO FEATURING . . .

### Fritz

Daniel "Fritz" Hershel Silber-Baker is a UCSC graduate who works with youth in New York City. In 2005 he was awarded "Best Poet" at the CUPSI National Championships. He performs nationally, working towards social change and shedding a different light on everyday issues.



### DJ T-Danger

Providing today's playlist.

### Get Involved!

Visit the tables of local groups for opportunities to get involved both on and off campus.

## DISPLAYS

### Climate Change

Learn the facts about climate change and ten easy steps to reduce your environmental impact. Also, sign a pledge to reduce your carbon footprint!

### Human Trafficking

Come learn the truth about human trafficking and see a world map showing the countries most affected by the trade of humans.

### Wars in Iraq/Afghanistan

See the facts and figures from current US foreign wars and a visual depicting the casualties.

### Sustainability

Learn about how the Practical Activism Conference strives to be sustainable, what your recycling options are on and off campus, and groups you can join that focus on sustainability.

### Economics of Undocumented Immigration

Learn about the economic side of undocumented immigration, immigration policy, and more.

## ACTIVIST OPPORTUNITIES

### America's Most Wanted

Stop by this booth to learn more about Arizona Senate Bill 1070 (SB 1070) and the criminalization/racialization of illegal immigrants. Participate in the "Do I look illegal?" photo project, get more information on SB 1070, and more.

### Queer Scribble Wall

Learn about queer issues in the US today and share your responses and feelings on a community scribble wall.

### Organizing 101

Learn how to begin organizing on the UCSC campus and get ideas and resources to get your message out there. Spin the raffle wheel and watch the prizes roll in!

### Button Making

Come make a button to show your practical activism! Design one to show your position on the UC Budget Crisis, SB 1070, the Demand for Justice in the Oscar Grant case, and more!

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