

COLLEGE NINE, COLLEGE TEN & OAKES COLLEGE PRESENT

11TH ANNUAL

# PRACTICAL ACTIVISM 2013

TOOLS FOR LOCAL & GLOBAL CHANGE

SATURDAY \* OCTOBER 19

COLLEGES NINE & TEN MULTIPURPOSE ROOM, UCSC



A DAY OF INTERACTIVE WORKSHOPS,  
PRESENTATIONS, HANDS-ON ACTIVITIES  
& MORE

# WORKSHOP DESCRIPTIONS

Choose one workshop in each block:

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

### **Do Your Part Through Art Namaste Lounge**

In this hands-on workshop Favianna Rodriguez, internationally renowned artist/activist, will discuss the ways that art can be used to empower, educate, and transform our communities to be socially and politically active. Participants will create social justice themed art wpieces on site.

### **Beyond the Binaries**

#### **Terry Freitas Cafe**

This workshop will explore the intersectionality of gender and sexuality, moving beyond the binary approach to a much more complex and representative view of human experience. Andre LeBlanc, a Bay Area educator on these important issues, will bring his knowledge and insight to this interactive and informative program.

### **Holistic Agriculture: Building Sustainable Models**

**SSI, Room 110** Can agricultural models be sustainable if they do not address the present social, economic and environmental factors? This workshop will address the need for practicality in successful agricultural models and exploring versatility in sustainability efforts. Speakers from UCSC's Community Agroecology Network, an international network committed to sustaining rural livelihoods and environments, will talk about their field studies, projects and initiatives and how to get involved in supporting small-scale farmers, protecting the environment and humanizing global trade.

### **Drugs, Guns, Money, Gangs - Family, Friends, Community**

#### **SSII, Room 71**

Explore the untold truths and realities of gang associations, while beginning to understand why youth enter a life of gang warfare and the struggles that they, their families, and communities experience. Listen to the stories of ex-gang members and other associates, who shed light on this complex lifestyle. It is important to understand the impact of gang violence on youth and local communities. Insight into increases of gang violence and crime in small towns such as Salinas, California will be provided.

### **Black Gold: Oil Extraction in the Ecuadorian Amazon**

#### **SSII, Room 75**

Our oil dependency is endangering the Amazon rainforest and threatening indigenous peoples' traditional ways of life. UCSC professor Flora Lu will discuss her research on the specific impact oil extraction is having in Ecuador and show how oil companies colonize and destroy all in order to get some of that black gold.

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

### **Veterans: The Battle After the War**

**Terry Freitas Cafe** A panel of current student veterans will offer an eye opening look at the interlocking social justice issues veterans face prior to, during and following military service with an emphasis on the challenges of re-entering into higher education.

### **Fatal Fashion: Labor Rights in the Garment Industry**

**SS2, Room 75** How often do you consider where your clothes were made? In countries around the world, millions of people endure horrible and often life threatening conditions to produce clothing found in many US stores. Many sweatshop workers experience dangerous working environments, poverty wages, and restrictions on union organizing. This workshop will provide insight into the harsh realities of the labor right violations experienced in the garment industry and tools for eliminating sweatshop abuses occurring worldwide.

### **Homelessness: Sparing More than Just a Dime**

#### **SSII, Room 71**

This insightful workshop explores the causes, effects and day-to-day realities that keep people homeless, and highlights several successful models for addressing this issue in the Santa Cruz community. Homelessness is a vicious cycle. The first step in breaking the cycle is to eliminate the stigmas and raise awareness of this social justice issue occurring just in the backyard of our community.

### **Removing Shame and Shifting Blame: Rape Culture and the Media**

**SSI, Room 110** How does the media inform how you perceive your body, your sexual expression and help determine the level of intimacy you experience? Ann Simonton, former top model and internationally acclaimed media literacy expert, will break down the ways popular culture and everyday language perpetuate blame and shame. Effective strategies to stop victim blaming will be offered.

### **UndocuQueer: Connecting Immigration Reform and Marriage Equality**

**Community Room** US Immigration legislation is changing rapidly, and most of us have more questions than answers. Are the 11 million undocumented people in this country gaining a path to citizenship? Does the current bill prioritize Border Security over the needs of immigrants? Given the recent demise of DOMA, what are the implications for the LGBTQI community? In this workshop, our speakers will offer answers to these and other questions from both policy and personal perspectives. Given the urgency of these basic human rights, opportunities for advocacy will be presented.

# 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 Jose Hernandez

**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

## KEYNOTE SPEAKER

## JOSE HERNANDEZ



This year's keynote speaker, José Hernández, is a dreamer and a role model, a strong advocate for youth, access to education and progressive immigration policy. Born into a migrant farm-working family who saw education as their key to the future, he went on to pursue his dreams and among other achievements became an astronaut with NASA. Mr. Hernández ran for Congress in 2012 through the Democratic Party representing a district in the Central Valley and raising important platforms such as educational equity and immigrant rights. In 2005 Mr. Hernández started a non-profit foundation called Reaching for the Stars that strives to ensure opportunities for youth to pursue educational and professional goals. He continues to actively work for social justice in multiple arenas.

## ALSO FEATURING . . .

### Storm Thomas



Storm Thomas is a playwright, performance artist, puppeteer, educator and an award winning poet originally from Los Angeles, CA. Storm is a College Ten alum that has performed nationally since 2010 and was a featured poet on the season 3 premier of Lexus Versus and Flow. This artist focuses their work on interrogating the intersections of race, gender and sexuality through the beauty of expression.

### Get Involved!

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

### What do *you* think?

Please turn in your evaluation before you leave!

### 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.

## CREATIVE ACTIVIST OPPORTUNITIES

10:45 AM - 11:50 AM & 3:30 PM - 5:00 P/M

### Activism through Art

Come and see various examples of activist art and be inspired to create your own. Will include stenciling, bracelet making, and more!

### Facing the Stigmas of Mental Health

Sometimes we wish to put a name to a face but can you really put a face to a stigma? Come learn about the many preconceived notions towards mental illness and the associated assumptions people often make.

### Zero Waste

Are you ready to embark on the road to zero? Come join us for an interactive learning game about what waste disposal entails and develop your role in making a world without waste a reality. Toss your "trash" correctly and receive a prize!

### Button Making

Come design a personal button to show off your passion and practical activism! Create one to make a statement, highlight an issue important to you, honor an artist-activist, and more!

### Student Debt

At a time when student loan debt has surpassed auto loan and credit card debt, it's vital to get the dialogue surrounding student loans and student debt started amongst all university students. Get informed, and have your voice heard!

### Incarceration

A high percentage of Americans lose out on educational opportunities and find themselves fast-tracked into the prison system. Roll the dice and learn more about the factors that lead to incarceration.

### Sustainability Pledges

Come learn about the impact you can have by making even slight changes in your day-to-day choices. Make a pledge and get your photo taken with a vegetable super hero!

### Runaways, Throwaways

Who exactly are the more than 1.7 million homeless and runaway youth in the US? What is their life like on the street? What can we do

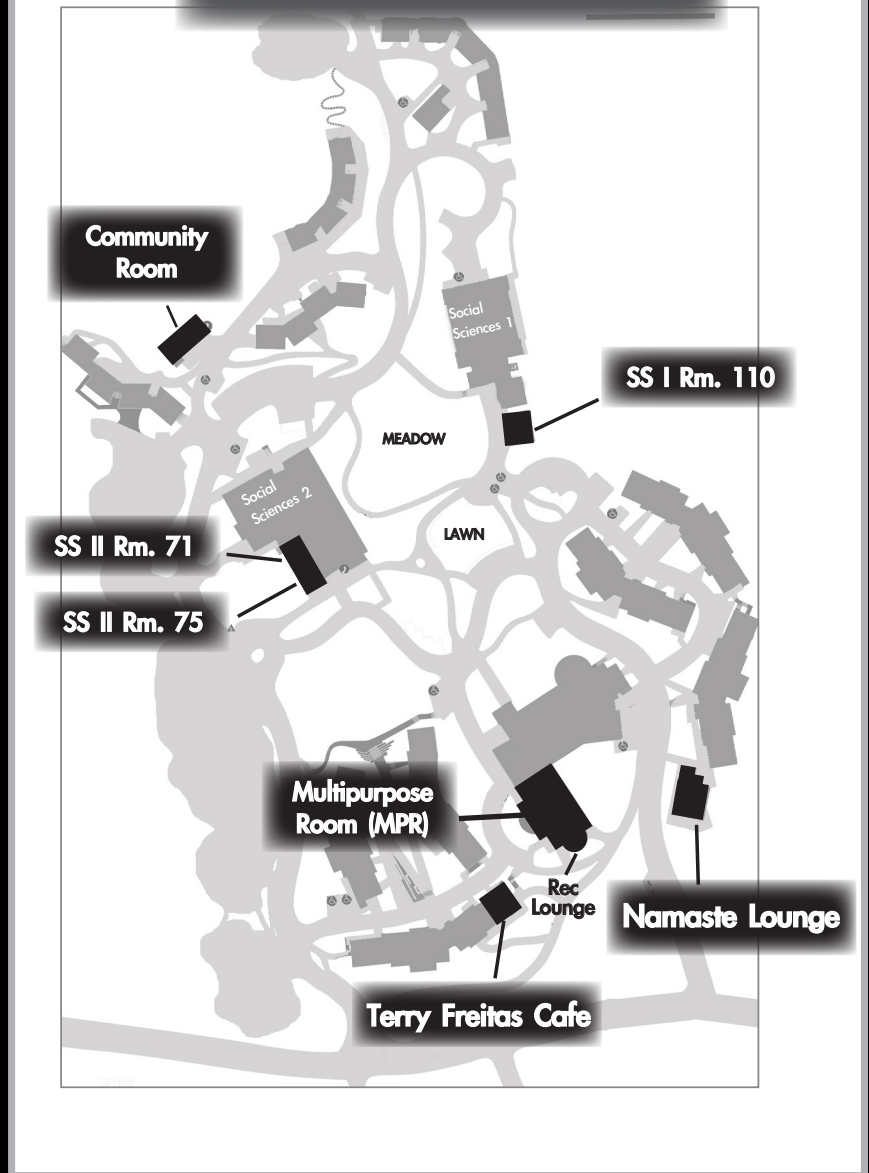
**And check out our poster displays, as well as the many dynamic organizations tabling in the Multipurpose Room.**

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## COMMUNITY AGROECOLOGY NETWORK

Community Agroecology Network (CAN) has partnered with Practical Activism all eleven 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

## PRACTICAL ACTIVISM 2011 MAP OF WORKSHOP LOCATIONS



VISIT US ONLINE AT: [HTTP://WWW.PRACTICALACTIVISM.ORG](http://www.practicalactivism.org)

## THE PRISONER-LED MOVEMENT TO END SOLITARY CONFINEMENT CONTINUES

California prisoners ended a 60-day hunger strike after California's Public Committee on Safety agreed to a series of legislative hearings addressing solitary confinement and human rights abuses in California prisons. Nationwide, lawyers, loved ones and advocates continue to come together in solidarity with the Hunger Strikers for justice.



Follow [prisonerhungerstrike.wordpress.com](http://prisonerhungerstrike.wordpress.com) for more information on how to mobilize, rally and join the fight for justice.