

CHICAGO SEED
BLACK AUGUST 2026 FREE!

Incarceration Nation or Liberation...

Black August

Black August is an annual observance held to honor the history of Black resistance, political struggle, and the sacrifices of Black activists, particularly those who were imprisoned or killed.

It originated in 1979 among incarcerated members of the Black Guerrilla Family at San Quentin State Prison in California. The observance was created to remember George Jackson, who was killed on August 21, 1971, as well as his brother Jonathan Jackson, who died on August 7, 1970, and others involved in Black liberation movements. George Jackson was a member of the Black Panther party and later went on to found the Black Guerrilla Family, a militant organization seeking better conditions for those trapped within the American prison system.

SETTLE YOUR QUARRELS, COME TOGETHER,
UNDERSTAND THE REALITY OF OUR SITUATION,
UNDERSTAND THAT FASCISM IS ALREADY HERE,
THAT PEOPLE ARE ALREADY DYING WHO COULD
BE SAVED, THAT GENERATIONS MORE WILL LIVE
POOR BUTCHERED HALF-LIVES IF YOU FAIL TO
ACT. DO WHAT MUST BE DONE, DISCOVER YOUR
HUMANITY AND YOUR LOVE IN REVOLUTION.

GEORGE JACKSON
September 23, 1941–August 21, 1971

Arrested over a measly 71 dollars in 1960, George faced a disproportionate and cruel punishment, where he would thereafter spend the rest of his life in prison. George would gain international recognition when he was recognized as one of the Soledad Brothers, which later sparked a movement to free him and the other two Soledad brothers. George would later be shot and killed during a prison escape attempt, with his last words being “the dragon has come”. These last words were a reference to

a poem by the late Vietnamese revolutionary, Ho Chi Ming, which says, “When the prison gates are opened, the real dragon will fly out”.

George Jackson's memory continues to serve as a guiding force for revolutionaries in the black struggle and throughout Occupied Turtle Island. The conditions he faced in the carceral system largely still exist to this day, with countless elders still serving time as political prisoners, including Mumia Abu Jamal.

The 4 key values of Black August; Study, Fast, Train, Fight, show us the path to victory and serve as the key to liberation. Through studying the work of George Jackson and those who came before us, we shall break the prison walls and let the dragon finally fly.

For many who observe it, Black August is a time for:

Studying Black history, politics, and liberation movements.

Remembering political prisoners and those who died in struggles for racial justice.

Practicing self-discipline through activities such as fasting, exercise, reading, and avoiding alcohol, drugs, or unnecessary entertainment.

Participating in community service, political education and struggle.

Stop the Clampdown

on progressive organizations and visa restrictions on those critical of U.S. government foreign policy and actions.

On July 21, the Trump-allied House Ways and Means Committee hit The People's Forum with a congressional subpoena, demanding internal communications, records, and finances by August 7. It comes on the heels of a State Depart-

ment report smearing a number of organizations and individuals as left-wing terrorists for daring to oppose the blockade of Cuba, support the Palestinian resistance, oppose ICE attacks on immigrants, and stand with other movements for justice. Also receiving subpoenas were Break Through News and Tricontinental: Institute for Social Research. According to the House committee, the subpoenas seek documents related to an investigation into alleged foreign influence in the U.S.

It is important to take action on all this and other repressive actions by the U.S. government. Our Chicago District 3 House Representative Delia Ramirez, together

with Reps. Jim McGovern and Ayanna Pressley, is leading a letter to Secretary of State Marco Rubio and Secretary of the Treasury Scott Bessent raising serious concerns about the Department of State's "Ministerial on the Resurgence of Political Terrorism" and subsequent administrative directives targeting alleged "left-wing violent extremism" under National Security Presidential Memorandum 7 (NSPM-7).

(<https://thehill.com/homenews/administration/5972315-state-department-transnational-political-threat/>), (<https://www.whitehouse.gov/presidential-actions/2025/09/countering-domestic-terrorism-and-organized-political-violence/>).

The letter raises particular alarm over two recent actions:

The State Department's new ideologically driven visa restriction policy, which bars foreign nationals deemed to "finance, recruit, incite, or otherwise enable" loosely defined "Far-Left Terrorist" networks (<https://www.state.gov/releases/office-of-the-spokesperson/2026/07/visa-restriction-policy-targeting-far-left-terrorist-and-other-aligned-groups>)

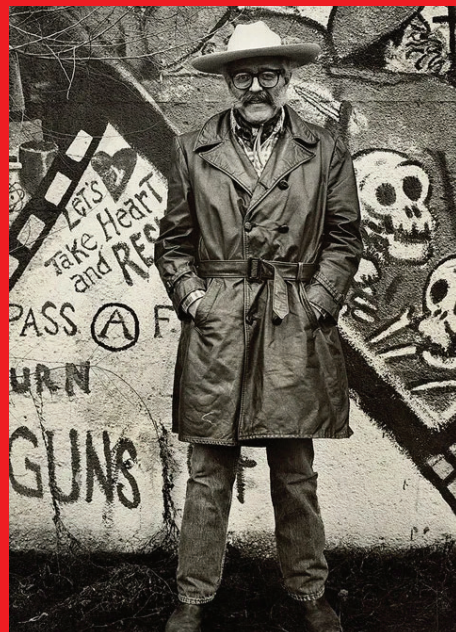
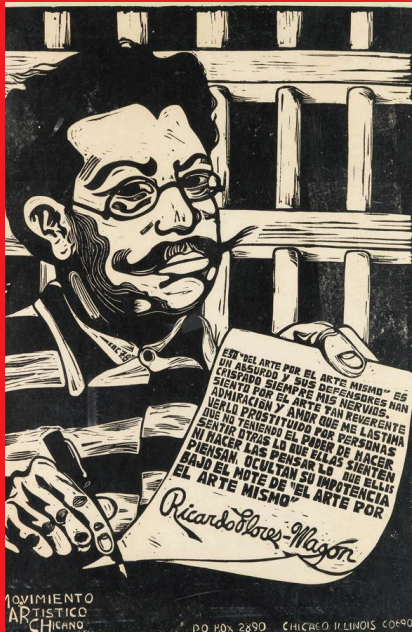
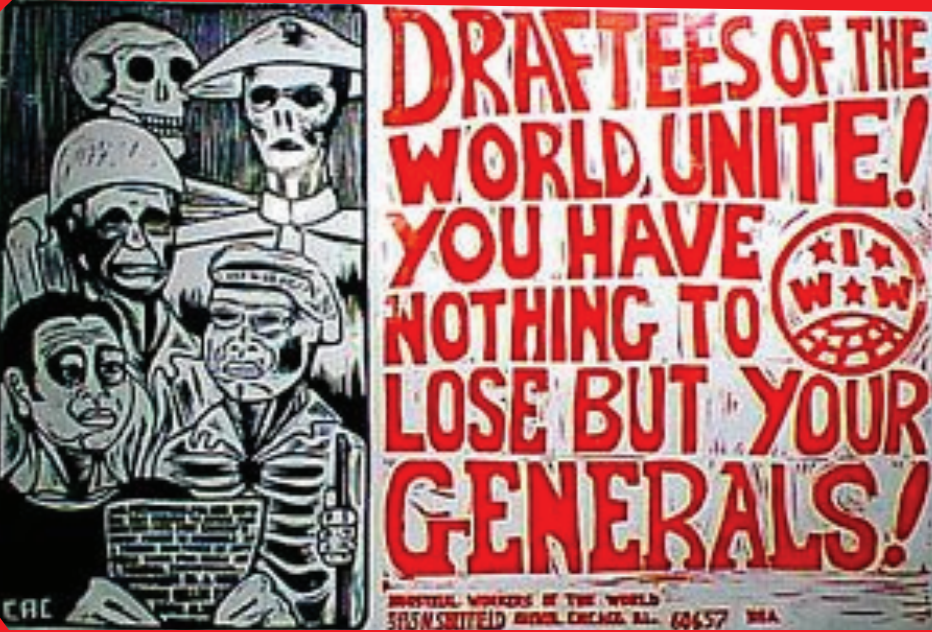
The Treasury Department's pledged financial enforcement mechanisms directed against civil society organizations

The letter poses a detailed set of oversight questions on legal authority, operative definitions and evidentiary standards, due process and appeal mechanisms, and interagency coordination on financial measures against nonprofits — and requests written responses from both departments by August 14, 2026. (<https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sb0566>)

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This month's cover art is an untitled painting by esteemed Chicago artist Carlos Cortez (type crassly added) who did hard time for draft resistance during WW2. He was known for mostly doing linoleum prints with social themes. He carved and printed with the kind of

linoleum that people used to use for floors. He was a Wobbly, a member of the Industrial Workers of the World and did artwork for the IWW's organizing material, posters and their newspaper, *The Industrial Worker*.



Chicago Freedom Movement Marches On!



Bernice King, speaking from a stage in Marquette Park, urges us to continue the nonviolent struggle.

On August 1st, thousands of civil rights advocates braved the rain to march in the footsteps of Dr. King and his allies in commemoration of the 60th anniversary of the historic open housing march through the Marquette Park Neighborhood.

They marched again this time to demand freedom from mass criminalization and detention, full protection of voting rights, and a future rooted in dignity, justice, and shared humanity.

In 1966, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and the Chicago Freedom Movement marched into Marquette Park to confront entrenched segregation, redlining, and organized racial violence. Sixty years later, communities across the country face renewed attacks on voting rights and access to the ballot, expanding systems of criminalization and detention, and deepening economic inequality.

This gathering connected the unfinished work of 1966 to the defining moral challenges of this moment. Faith leaders, civic leaders, organizers, artists, young people, and communities from across the country marched for free and fair elections, freedom for immigrant and marginalized communities, and a future rooted in dignity, justice, and shared humanity.

A new list of demands!

Voting Rights & Democratic Participation

Protect democracy • Expand ballot access • End voter suppression

Restore and strengthen federal protections against voter suppression, racial gerrymandering, and discriminatory election laws.

Guarantee equitable access to the ballot through same-day registration, early voting, vote-by-mail, language assistance, and accessible polling places.

Prohibit voter intimidation, discriminatory voter purges, and laws that criminalize or suppress participation by historically marginalized communities.

Led locally by Inner City Muslim Action Network (IMAN) in partnership with 60+ community rooted organizations, and nationally by Powered By Faith the coalition organized under the slogan “The Fierce Urgency of Now!”

ICE Detention & Family Unity

End mass detention • Keep families together • Invest in communities

End federal funding for immigrant detention centers and prohibit the expansion of detention and deportation infrastructure.

Protect family unity by ending detention, deportation, and transfer practices that separate children, parents, spouses, and caregivers.

Redirect federal investments from detention and deportation toward housing, healthcare, legal representation, reentry support, and community-based alternatives.

Ensure detention centers uphold religious freedoms for detainees including providing prayer spaces, accessing clergy, and distributing sacraments.

Unlike 1966, the march was unmolested. A rally with speakers and songs was followed by participatory workshops and prayers. Many of the speakers brought out the unfinished business of striving for equity, voting and democracy

Militarization & Human Rights

End military complicity • Enforce human rights accountability • End unconditional military aid

End U.S. military, weapons, surveillance, and defense cooperation with governments engaged in occupation, apartheid, ethnic cleansing, unlawful detention, or mass violence.

Require all military assistance and defense agreements to meet strict human rights, international law, transparency, and congressional oversight standards.

End unconditional foreign military aid by conditioning all U.S. security assistance on meaningful accountability and compliance with human rights and international law.

or all; gaining affordable housing, defending immigrants and marginalized communities, and the importance of people participating politically.

www.fierceurgency.now

Public Health!

July 30th was the 61st anniversary of Medicare and Medicaid being signed into law after a long fight by the working class and allies. This was marked by dozens of rallies and other actions across the U.S. and in the Chicagoland Area, such as by the Illinois Single Payer Coalition, National Nurses Association, and others.

The rally at Federal Plaza organized by Citizen Action and others included speeches by various organizations and U.S. House Representatives Quigley, Underwood, Foster, and Garcia. There were excellent slogans and rhetoric opposing the profit-making of the corporations over service to the people, opposing the cuts to Medicaid and possible cuts to Medicare, and assertions that health care is a right.



Unfortunately, there was NO mention in speeches or on placards of the Improved Medicare for All bills that are now in the House and Senate-- House Bill H.R. 3069 and Senate Bill S. 1506.

Chicago Antiwar Coalition (CAWC)

People with disabilities rolled and marched on Governor JB Pritzker's office on 8/5, attempting to enter the building despite the efforts of security to keep them out. They'd received no response to numerous letters, emails and phone calls requesting a meeting with Pritzker or his representative.

Their demands -- and Illinois' legal obligation to fulfill them -- are literally decades old. Their patience has run out. Their legal rights, and during the pandemic, their lives, were lost due to the state failing to live up to its responsibilities.

took up the slack on this with leaflets and placarding for Medicare for All. This was warmly greeted by many.

A good follow-up will be to call Congress people in support of the Improved Medicare for All legislation.

Nonviolent resistance training

Our democracy is under direct threat - and communities of faith have the power to defend it. Interfaith Alliance is training faith leaders, organizers, and supporters in nonviolent civil resistance ahead of the 2026 elections. Get trained. Get ready. Get others involved.

Sign up to access free training modules on non-violent action, voter mobilization, and faith-based organizing.

interfaithalliance.org/training

PEACE! NOW!

On July 4th in Philadelphia, Veterans For Peace in coalition with Vets Against Fascism made history with more than 500 veterans, active military members, & military families. Over 100 VFP members participated in the march. It was the largest anti-war veterans march since Vietnam War resistance. Our contingent joined the locally organized People's Parade. Together we numbered over 2,000 people, passing historic landmarks including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, & the U.S. Constitution Center.



VETERANS AGAINST FASCISM

**FREEDOM OVER FASCISM
VETS MARCH ON PHILLY**

SATURDAY, JULY 4 - 9 AM
WASHINGTON SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA, PA

Halt the U.S. war on Iran

July 28 was the 5-month anniversary of the latest round of the criminal U.S. government military attacks on Iran. These attacks have included blowing up the water supply for tens of thousands of Iranians, all at a cost of at least \$37.5 billion of our tax money according to Secretary of War Hegseth.

People in more than 30 U.S. cities took up actions against this imperialist war according to the United National Antiwar Coalition (UNAC).

The demonstration in Chicago, against the U.S. government war on Iran and Palestine, met in front of Trump Tower on Wabash. As has been their custom, the police insisted that the demonstration could not be held there, claiming Trump Co. owns the sidewalk on the Tower side of the street and that because there are residences, picketing is prohibited. They blocked into an offensive formation looking like a football team and threatened to arrest protestors that did not go across the street, so the protest moved across the street.

Then the police told protestors

that they could not protest there because the AMA (owner of the building on that side) owns the sidewalk there.

Organizer Andy Thayer tried to convince the police commander that they had the right to protest there, on the public right-of-way without impeding traffic, showing them the State rules covering that. The police did not allow him to pursue the point, and arrested him. He was later charged with trespass and residential picketing, (misdemeanors) and released after 5 hours.

The police again gathered into a block and pushed the protestors south, across the river. Then the planned rally was carried out on the plaza on Wacker Drive just east of Wabash and across the river from the Chump Tower.

Chicago Antiwar Coalition (CAWC), distributed leaflets opposing the U.S. government genocidal war on Palestinians to passersby, with many giving thumbs up.

Recent public opinion polls show that a majority of Americans



Protestors at the Israeli consulate loudly condemned the rapid escalation of genocidal West Bank murders, arsons, assaults. Police initially blocked them when they started to march up the street, but relented after a stand-off and removed themselves from the protestors' intended path. The protest marched on up to the Chump Tower viewing site(across the river, but within sight and sound). Made some more noise. A couple more short speeches..End the occupation now!

polled oppose the U.S. war on Iran (and also the genocidal massacre of Palestinians). This is very important, but we need to continue to persuade more people to join in actions against the U.S. government attacks on Iran, the Palestinians, Lebanon, Yemen, Cuba, Russia, China, Venezuela, and other countries.



CHICAGO EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

U.S. HANDS OFF CUBA

If U.S. attacks on Cuba occur before 3PM, the rally will be same day at 5 PM. If attacks occur after 3PM, rally will take place the next day at 5 PM.

CHICAGO

FEDERAL PLAZA | 230 S DEARBORN ST

U.S. HANDS OFF IRAN

Logos for various organizations: CHICAGO CUBA COALITION, CCAWR, FRSD CHICAGO, CODE PINK, ANSWER, ABOUT FACE, CAWC, and Social Action.

Offence Authorization

The House recently voted to pass the National Defense Authorization Act with a \$1.5 trillion military budget—an amount that dwarfs previous military spending by such a large margin that it almost defies belief. This NDAA includes a deadly expansion of U.S-Israeli defense-technology cooperation, the extension of the National Guard occupation of DC through 2029, & more money for a war on Iran, a war with histor

ic disapproval ratings. However, despite its passage in the House, a historic number of congress members voted against the annual military spending bill.

While the NDAA heads to the Senate next, they will be in recess for August. Now is the time for us to put the pressure on. Call & email your senators every day, visit their district offices, & demand they vote against the NDAA.



“Ceasefire” May Be the Official Headline, But in Gaza, We Face Constant Bombing

Being forced to repeatedly search for a place that feels safe when no such place exists is a form of slow death.

By Dalia Abu Ramadan, Originaally published in Truthout.org August 4, 2026

As a daughter of Gaza City — a place that has endured every possible attempt to destroy the very meaning of life — I had lost every sense of safety and security until the announcement of a ceasefire in October 2025.

At that time, hearing about the ceasefire felt like hearing that a terminally ill patient had finally been cured. At last, we believed we would sleep in peace. We believed we would walk through our streets without fear and live without bombings or death. We thought the nightmare was over, that life was finally giving us a chance to breathe again.

But we soon tragically realized that our city had lost its sense of security entirely, as the bombings never truly stopped, and fear never left our hearts. The chaos left behind by the war has trapped people in Gaza in constant uncertainty. Since then, I have come to understand the value of life more deeply than ever before.

Imagine a city emerging from devastation only to discover that the threat of death still lingers in different forms: through fear, disorder, and the painful realization that the peace we longed for was only a fleeting illusion.

On May 20, 2026, I was speaking with my friend Ghada, who was staying in the southern Gaza Strip. Then, she suddenly disappeared from the call. I tried reaching her several times until I received a voice message from her.

“Do you know? We have nothing left to remember ... all our past has been erased,” her message said. “My neighborhood in Al-Maghazi, where I grew up — especially my grandfather’s house — and the entire area were heavily destroyed just moments ago.”

I called her back in panic. “What happened? How? Why?” I asked.

She told me that the Israeli army had contacted her uncle to inform the family, and others in the area, to evacuate immediately because a building sheltering dozens of displaced families — located next to her grandfather’s house and her relatives’ homes — was about to be bombed.

No one knew the reason. Everyone left ... except Ghada’s aunt. She stayed inside the house until the rubble crushed her body and shattered glass covered her face.

I recognized the pain in Ghada’s voice because I know exactly what it means to lose the place where you grew up. I wished her story had been the last one of this kind that I would hear, but it wasn’t.

On May 26, during the Day of Arafah — the day before Eid al-Adha, when Muslims fast — we began preparing for what we believed would be our first Eid after the ceasefire.

Usually, the markets are filled with families buying holiday essentials, baking traditional Eid cookies, and preparing for the customary sacrifice. But after months of war and soaring prices, sacrificial animals had become unaffordable for most families.

We settled for baking Eid cookies and buying a little chocolate, hoping to welcome Eid morning with at least a small



measure of joy. We had been waiting for that Eid with unbearable anticipation, believing it would be the first one we could truly celebrate since the ceasefire.

The day I was fasting and preparing for Eid with my family became one of the hardest of my life.

We had just prepared our iftar meal when my father called my brother, Mohammed, to check on him. Mohammed told him he would break his fast with a friend nearby.

“I’ll be at Al-Rimal Market, just a short distance from home, so don’t worry,” he said. “Afterward, my friend Helal and I will do a little shopping. Save me some food — I’ll eat it when I get back.”

He hung up. Moments after we began eating, five missiles struck in rapid succession, shaking our neighborhood with terrifying force. The blasts were so violent that, for a moment, I forgot I had been fasting. I forgot everything.

The explosions had landed only a few meters from our home, filling the house with clouds of dust from the blast. The sheer force of the explosions suggested that an entire city block had been wiped out.

My father immediately realized that Mohammed might be in danger. He quickly washed his hands, but none of us had taken a single bite. We left the iftar table exactly as it was, letting the warm meal grow cold, as only one question consumed us: Where was Mohammed?

Outside, our neighbors were shouting that the strikes had hit the area around the Tailandi Restaurant in Al-Rimal Market. It was a place repeatedly targeted despite being one of the busiest parts of the market, crowded with civilians.

And Mohammed was there.

We had no way of knowing what had happened. With most journalists targeted and local reporting severely disrupted, reliable information has become almost impossible to find.

My mother broke down in uncontrollable tears.

“Mohammed ... I feel he’s dead. How can Eid come if he isn’t with us?”

My father rushed out to search for him.

Imagine running from the seventh floor to the street in seconds, with no electricity and no working elevator, calling out for your son again and again, only to hear silence.

The explosions had destroyed the communications network, and every unanswered call made us fear that we were already too late.

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We could not stop her. She followed my father to search for him.

As we waited in fear, I called my father several times. The network was severely weakened by the bombing, but eventually, the call connected.

My father eventually answered: “It took me some time to find Mohammed, but please be reassured ... he is safe.”

Minutes later, they returned — but they were not the same people who had left.

Still in shock, Mohammed told us: “Suddenly, I saw the building across from me — only two meters away — being bombed. The entire area started shaking violently. I began running without even knowing where I was going.”

Medical sources initially reported that three Palestinians, including a woman, had been killed and more than 20 others injured in the strike. Hours later, the death toll rose to four after one of the injured women succumbed to her wounds, while several others remained hospitalized with injuries ranging from moderate to critical.

But that was only the beginning.

In the days that followed, Gaza’s Civil Defense announced that 29 Palestinians had been killed in continued Israeli attacks during the Eid al-Adha holiday, many of them women and children, as violations of the October 2025 ceasefire continued.

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By then, it had become impossible to ignore the truth: The war has already returned, even if no one has announced it.

For a few days, the Al-Rimal neighborhood of Gaza City fell into an uneasy silence. Then in June, that silence was broken by one of the most violent bombardments we had experienced in weeks.

While I was teaching an English class to my students — most of them just 15 years old — a massive explosion suddenly shook the entire neighborhood of Al-Rimal.

I forced myself to remain calm, trying not to let fear spread through the classroom or panic take over. But the first words I heard from my students were: “How will we get home?”

Fear filled their faces. Within minutes, parents began calling to make sure their children were still with me and had not left the classroom.

Soon afterward, we learned who had become one of the victims of that strike: Raghad Ashour, an 11th-grade student who was walking through the street on her way to school to take her exam.

She was not inside the targeted vehicle, but shrapnel from the strike struck her, and she was killed at the scene.

Her story was especially painful. She was not the target, yet she became one of the victims of that attack.

During her funeral at Al-Shifa Hospital, mourners carried her school bag — the same bag she had been carrying on her way to school when her life was taken.

The war is not merely taking lives; it is stealing childhoods, classrooms, and futures.

I could spend every day telling the painful stories we have lived through, and they still would not be enough. Countless stories remain untold — even among us — because each person is carrying their own grief, fighting their own battles, and surviving their own pain.

On July 12, the Al-Sina’a area was targeted, killing two Palestinians and injuring others. Shortly afterward, residents of the area were ordered to evacuate completely, with warnings that the entire area would be demolished.

Imagine living in a city that has already been destroyed, trying to rebuild a small piece of life among the ruins, only to be told suddenly that you must leave because everything you have repaired will be destroyed again.

Being forced to repeat the same cycle over and over — searching for a place that feels safe when no such place exists — is a form of slow death.

On July 17, 2026, while people were attending the funeral of a Gaza resident killed by the Israeli military at a mosque in the Nuseirat area, the funeral site was struck, killing eight Palestinians and injuring others.

We no longer know how to make sense of the life we are living. Each day leaves us with new questions and growing uncertainty about our futures.

As with many such incidents, the circumstances surrounding the strike remain unclear, leaving families searching for answers about what happened and why.

All we have ever wanted is to live our basic right as civilians, away from political calculations — to live in safety and to have Gaza back as it once was: our city, our memories, our home.

Dalia Abu Ramadan is a Palestinian storyteller and aspiring graduate of the Islamic University of Gaza, sharing powerful narratives that reflect the strength, resilience, and challenges of life in Gaza.

FREE THE PRISONERS!



Free the Michigan 8!

On June 10th, 2026, the U.S. government kidnapped eight pro-Palestine organizers across Michigan, Illinois, and Wisconsin. The FBI worked alongside state law enforcement and the University of Michigan (UM) police to bust down our comrades' doors, hurl flashbang grenades into their apartments while they slept, and ultimately arrest them and bring them before federal judges.

In a small--but hopefully the first of many--win, the arrested comrades have all been granted bond and are fighting their cases amongst family, friends, and community. However, the state is still attempting to further isolate our comrades by barring communication between defendants; employing tactics of isolation as a form of demoralization and intimidation toward the broader movement.

They are facing charges brought forth by the federal government in collaboration with UM and have been indicted by a grand jury, building on a campaign of repression spearheaded by UM administrators, including Regents Sarah Hubbard and Jordan Acker. The charges range from "destruction of evidence" to "witness tampering" to "conspiracy to transmit threats." Most of the so-called evidence comes from devices seized during previous raids in Michigan a year ago, and it relies on a government narrative reeking of Zionist propaganda, violent anti-Arab racism and Islamophobia.

In the indictment, the federal government is attempting to construct a conspiracy, claiming defendants "used the internet" to research "targets", used "social media to broadcast their message" and demand divestment from "Israel", and were inspired by resistance groups from Palestine and the 60s and 70s anti-war movement. What we see in this indictment is the government attempting to use not only the last three years of encampments, student organizing, and the Palestinian resistance's actions against our comrades to portray them as "violent criminals" in the public's eye, but also to further demonize any form of advocacy for Palestine.

At its core, the charges against the Michigan 8 represent an unleashing of the increasingly fascist state in defense of private property and its connections to Zionist colonialism. The state is seeking to criminalize the struggle for divestment in any way possible, because the popular movement for Palestine is a threat to the neoliberal order of the United States that relies on the support of the masses through compliance and indifference. U.S imperialism's rabid support for the genocide of the Palestinian people naturally resulted in an upsurge in mass resistance. In a desperate attempt at stifling this mass resistance, imperialism defends its deeds through repression.

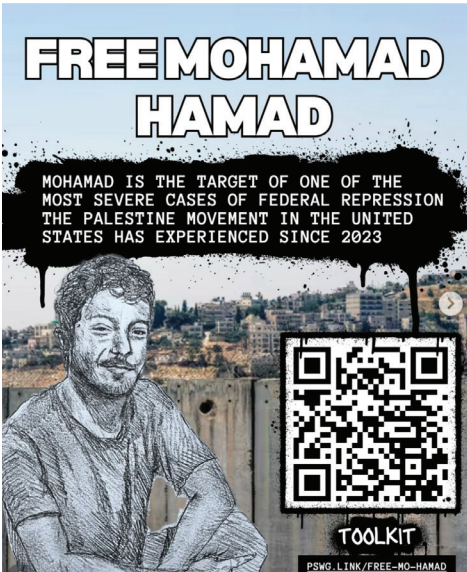
What Happens Now

"The Michigan 8" will need ongoing support. One way that the state wears down defendants is with grueling legal costs in the form of lawyer fees, travel fare for going to court, and mandatory payments for things like ankle monitors and court services. Donate to their legal defense fund here: [bit.ly/ unlegalfund](https://bit.ly/unlegalfund).

Strong community support at court hearings shows the government that behind each individual defendant are thousands of people who stand ten toes down with them - You can stay updated on the 8's court dates and other news by following @safexmich and @tahrirmich.

Organizing actions and events (banner drops, rallies, fundraisers, poli-ed sessions and workshops) are great ways to stand with the Michigan 8, but also everyone who's facing state repression. The language the government is using to spin alleged property destruction and graffiti as "terror" mimics the targeting of Mohamad Hamad, a former student currently in federal prison awaiting trial for alleged vandalism targeting Zionist institutions in Pittsburgh. The stoking of Islamophobia and anti-Arab racism in this case shouldn't be separated from violent ICE activity in immigrant communities: "Immigration enforcement" is nothing more than a cover for ethnosupremacist control.

The timing of these charges are not coincidental. The state waited to regroup, in order to attack the Palestine solidarity movement following its peak activity on campuses in 2024. These charges are being brought in an effort to bring down the Palestine solidarity movement, just as it has attempted to do in the past with the Holy Land Five, as well as with other repression campaigns against National Liberation Movements, Anti-ICE organizers, and many more it deems a threat to capitalist-imperialism. Just as we have seen throughout history, if we stand united, the state's repression will fail once again.



Mohamad Hamad is a 24 year old Lebanese-American activist, former Penn State student, and current prisoner who has spent the last year in federal prison awaiting trial for bogus charges of damaging (Zionist) property and conspiracy against the United States. Mohamad is the target of one of the most severe cases of state repression the Palestine movement in the United States has seen since 2023. Mohamad has neither been convicted of a crime, nor had a trial date set. In spite of it all, Mohamad holds his head high behind bars, with an unbreakable love for

our people and our collective liberation.

In November 2024, Mohamad and a Jewish anti-Zionist activist were arrested for allegedly graffiti ing slogans such as "Jews 4 Palestine" on two Zionist buildings in Pittsburgh.

He spent the following 6 months on house arrest, during which time even his parole officer testified his behavior was exemplary. In a heinous attempt to justify the obscene amounts of taxpayer dollars spent surveilling and harassing him, his family, and his friends, in April 2025 another violent raid was carried out on his family home accompanied by an indictment on new trumped-up felony charges of conspiracy to use "unregistered explosive devices" on July 4th.

Mohamad has already lost two years of his life to the state's Islamophobic and Anti-Arab campaign against him, and he could face decades in prison if convicted. We refuse to stand idly by while our sibling languishes in prison. He needs a committed lawyer, financial support for his family who have lost their primary provider, and political support and pressure to give his case a fighting chance.

Free Mohamad Hamad Toolkit!
To share this toolkit:
durub.link/free-mo-hamad
Sign the Petition to the Judge to Release Mohamad back onto House Arrest!
durub.link/free-mo-petition

Israelis have been kidnapping, torturing and sexually assaulting Palestinians for 78 years. There were thousands held before October 7 and about 10,000 now including hundreds of children. Lately they are torturing doctors and others to death.

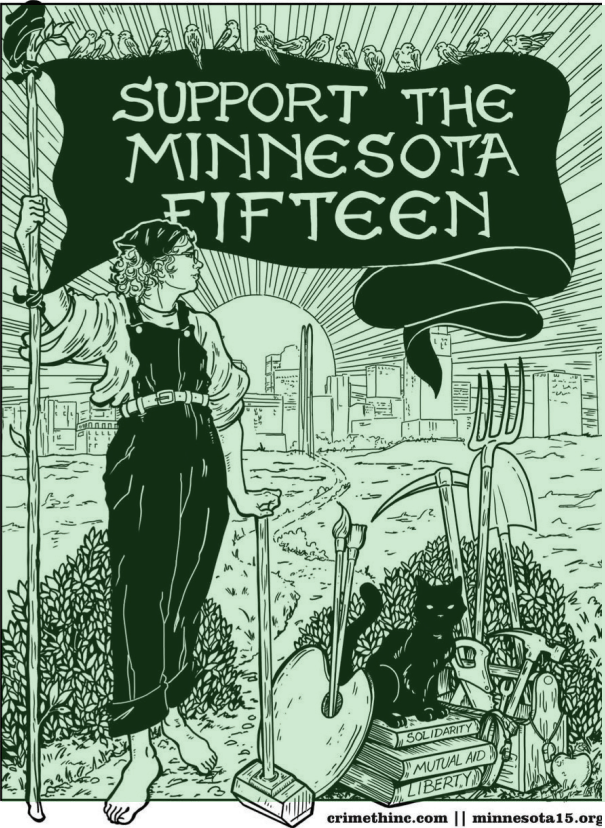
They have murdered hundreds of healthcare workers and bombed every hospital and school in Gaza.

ADDAMEER (Arabic for conscience) Prisoner Support and Human Rights Association is one group working on prisoner support.



Vandalism of the Jewish Federation sign (left) and the Chabad of Squirrel Hill (right). The JFed sign states "Jewish Federation FUNDS GENOCIDE, (heart) Jews, HATE ZIONISM." The Chabad graffiti states "JEWS 4 PALESTINE". The vandalism was immediately labeled "antisemitic." Every news story described it as such without so much as adding quotation marks..

Nothing Sacred:
unapologetic critique of Zionist institutions,
from an antizionist Jewish perspective
<https://nothingsacred.noblogs.org>



On Tuesday, June 16, the federal government arrested fifteen of the tens of thousands of people who took a stand against ICE terror in Minnesota.

Charged with "conspiracy to impede federal officers," Minnesotans know the actions described in the indictment better as protecting our neighbors.

The people of Minnesota support the "Minnesota 15".

"This is a naked attempt to silence our voices, to squash dissent and to have a chilling effect on organizing here in the Twin Cities. And I'm here to tell you, it's not going to work. People in the community here are smart. They're resilient. They have an indomitable will. And I have every faith that they're going to keep fighting."

— Isaac Sant, Minnesota 15 defendant

We demand:
ICE Out of Our Communities!
Return the Abducted & Deported - Reunite the Families!
Drop the Charges Against All Anti-ICE Protesters!
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GLOBAL DATA PIPELINES

POWERING MAJOR GENERATIVE AI SYSTEMS ARE ROOTED IN MASS INVASIONS OF PRIVACY BY DESIGN

Companies are extracting vast troves of online data through unlawful web scraping to build their generative artificial intelligence (AI) products in a way that is enabling a mass invasion of privacy, making these systems unlawful by design, Amnesty International said in a new briefing today.

Unlawful by Design: Exposing the Human Rights Costs of Generative AI (<https://www.amnesty.org/en/documents/pol40/0996/2026/en>) documents serious risks in the large-scale data scraping and processing being used to build and train these systems, including violations of the right to privacy by design and adverse consequences for the environment and historically marginalized communities.

“Companies across the world are supplying generative AI products under the veneer of efficiency and sophistication, but in reality, these systems perpetuate mass invasions of privacy through unlawful web scraping: an automated process for extracting data from websites, including personal data, such as images and social media activity, to train AI models,” said Likhita Banerji, Head of the Algorithmic Accountability Lab, Amnesty International.

“The extractive data pipeline, inherent design choices made by tech companies and exploitative supply chains, to build generative AI systems have enabled a paradigm of technology development that opens up a risk of mass abuse of human rights.”

Amnesty International researched the models powering some of the most popular publicly available standalone generative AI tools, including GPT 3 by Open AI, Google’s Gemini, Meta’s Llama, DeepSeek and tools by Midjourney and Stable Diffusion.

Such systems rely on extracting information from billions of public online posts and images often without the explicit consent of the individuals

appearing in or creating them. Not only does this infringe on privacy by design but as datasets powering AI models scale up, the presence of hateful and discriminatory content in their outputs also gets amplified, along with negative stereotypes and prejudices, especially along racial and gendered lines.

“These choices are not inevitable. We must challenge the design choices adopted by companies who build generative AI systems by relying on training data, including personal data, that is extracted non-consensually and on a grand scale.”

Likhita Banerji, Head of the Algorithmic Accountability Lab, Amnesty International Racial, gender and cultural biases are consistent features of generative AI systems, a product of the training data that is largely pulled from the web and therefore polluted with real-world biases which harm historically marginalized communities. Additionally, generative AI systems pose risks to the right to freedom of thought as they are capable of influencing users’ thoughts and shaping their personal beliefs through predictive suggestions. This is especially true for larger models reliant on expansive training data.

“This is one of the most egregious practices among AI companies operating with disregard for human rights and must urgently be addressed. A different trajectory of technology development is possible if authorities act urgently to course correct.”

Heavy Environmental Costs

As the scale and speed of development has picked up at generative AI companies, so have the infrastructure requirements and associated environmental costs.

The higher processing needs of larger models require more energy-intensive chips, larger data centres, and consequently, more energy and water for its operationalisation. Generative AI production often results in a negative impact on communities that are historically marginalized

as the lands and resources that belong to these communities are exploited to build data centres and fulfill processing requirements.

Google’s own sustainability report from 2024 noted a staggering 48 per cent increase in the company’s greenhouse gas emissions since 2019, attributable to data centre and supply chain emissions. Similarly, Microsoft’s emissions increased by 29 per cent between 2020 and 2024, attributable to data centres carrying out AI-supporting processes.

The intensive use of resources in generative AI production has led to communities from Cerrillos in Chile, and Querétaro in Mexico, to Arizona in the United States of America, resisting data centres in areas that are already heavily affected by droughts and shortages in electricity.

As part of its research process, Amnesty International wrote to Google, OpenAI, Meta, Stability AI, Midjourney, and DeepSeek giving them an opportunity to respond to the findings of the research briefing which states that their models are reliant on unlawful web scraping, among many other related human rights concerns.

Amnesty International also wrote to Intel and VMware specifically regarding the risks of discrimination, and to Google, Microsoft and Amazon about the environmental harms associated with their generative AI systems and related infrastructures. At the time of publication, only Microsoft, Amazon, Intel, OpenAI and Meta responded to Amnesty International. A summary of their responses is included in the briefing.

Amnesty International is calling on states to prohibit standalone generative AI systems that have been built using unlawful web scraping, defined as the bulk and mass collection of training data through the web. Companies must immediately cease the practice of unlawful non-consensual web scraping of personal data for

AI training purposes, and states must hold companies to account for their involvement in any human rights abuses linked to their design and business choices.

Background

The briefing provides a human rights analysis of the ‘data pipeline’ that powers generative AI products, including the stages of data capture, analysis, and processing that are critical to the overall functioning of these systems. Specifically, this involves zooming in on the parameters and implications of design choices made in relation to the training data of generative AI models, with a focus on methods and sources of data collection, data processing, model scaling and data outputs.

Amnesty International defines standalone generative AI tools as products that are developed, deployed and marketed for their generative AI capabilities solely and specifically, such as AI chatbots, image/video/audio/text generators, and so on. This does not include products where generative AI is an added feature or function in a larger suite of products, for example, word processing software with optional generative AI features.

Amnesty International is a movement of 10 million people which mobilizes the humanity in everyone and campaigns for change so we can all enjoy our human rights. Our vision is of a world where those in power keep their promises, respect international law and are held to account. We are independent of any government, political ideology, economic interest or religion and are funded mainly by our membership and individual donations. We believe that acting in solidarity and compassion with people everywhere can change our societies for the better.

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Line 5

A federal appeals court has ruled that Enbridge is trespassing on the Bad River Band’s reservation lands, marking a significant legal decision involving Tribal property rights and federal Indian law.

In a decision issued on July 30, 2026, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit upheld the finding that Enbridge’s Line 5 pipeline has remained on affected Bad River reservation parcels without legal authorization after its easements expired in June 2013. The court concluded that Enbridge does not have the legal right to continue using those Tribal lands without renewed authorization from the Bad River Band of the Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

While the appeals court agreed that the pipeline must ultimately be removed from the affected reservation parcels, it returned the

case to the district court to establish a new, reasonable timeline for removal rather than enforcing the previous deadline.

The court also directed the lower court to reconsider the monetary damages awarded to the Tribe while leaving other portions of the case unchanged.

Writing for the court, Judge Michael Scudder stated: “Make no mistake: Enbridge must remove the pipeline.”

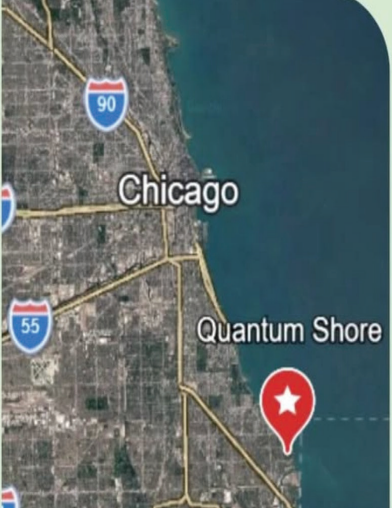
The ruling represents an important federal court decision affirming that companies operating on reservation lands must have valid legal authorization and recognizing the authority of Tribal Nations over their lands.



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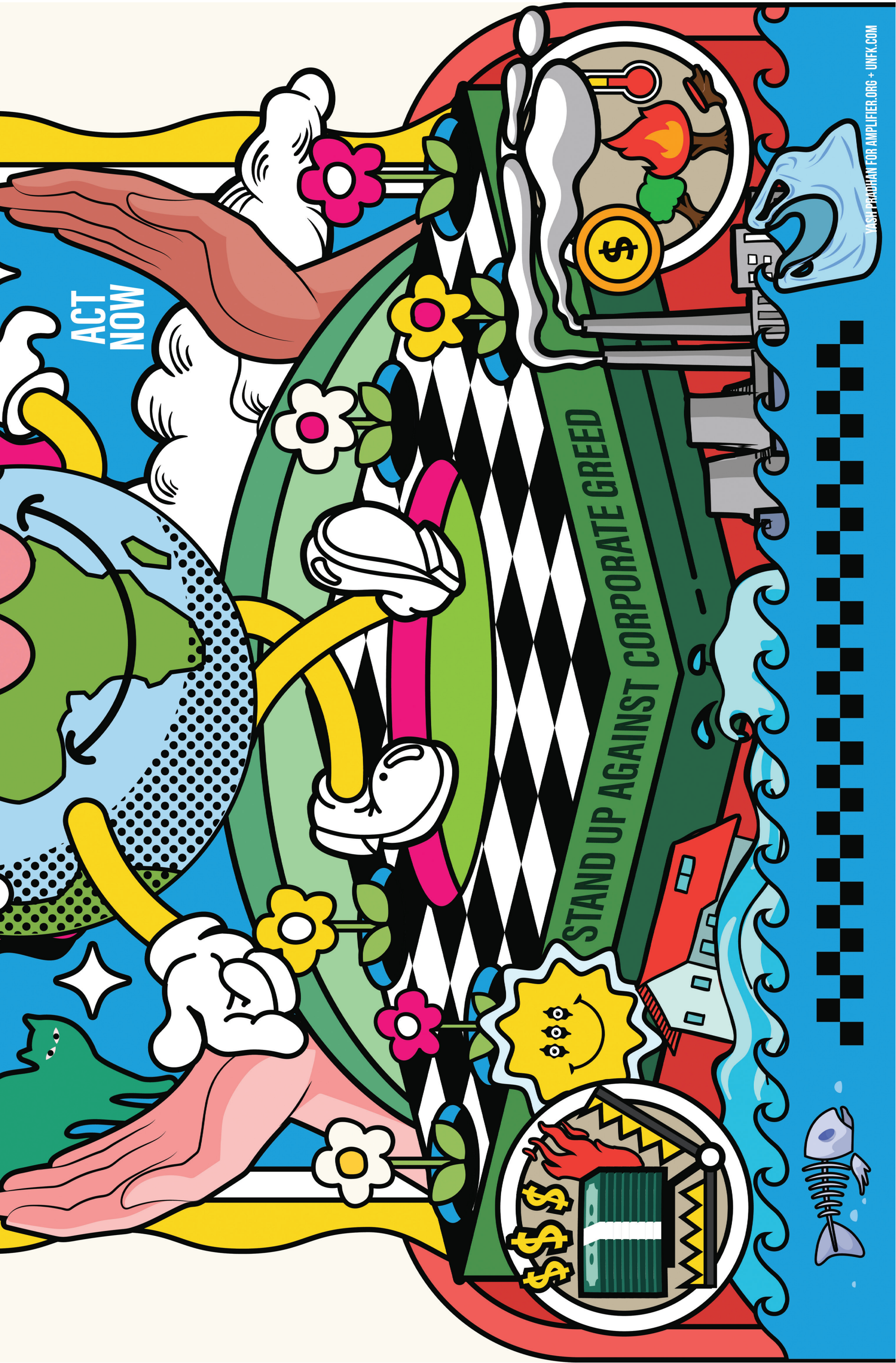
A Teach-in about:
Quantum capital’s threat to the South Side, Chicago, and the world





Tuesday, August 11th,
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Prison Papers: Organizing Inside/Outside Solidarity

Now through October 15. Thursdays-Saturdays 12-5PM
Walls Turned Sideways, 2717 W. Madison St.

Prison Papers: Organizing Inside/Outside Solidarity examines how prison newspapers facilitate exchange and solidarity across prison walls. Drawing on archival materials, interviews, art, and writing, the exhibition traces a lineage of prison newspapers from their boom in the 1960s and '70s, through their near disappearance in the '90s, to the present resurgence in inside/outside publishing.

At a moment when free speech in the U.S. is under attack and print media is increasingly inaccessible to incarcerated people, the need to sharpen our organizing strategies has never been more urgent. These publications offer an intimate view into how prison newspapers have connected inside and outside communities in a shared struggle to overcome the censorship and segregation endemic to the carceral state. By examining how these papers are made, circulated, and used to challenge censorship and inhumane

carceral conditions, Prison Papers offers critical insight into how we might forge deeper bonds with incarcerated communities to organize for freedom and liberation. Our exhibitions invite the public to learn about freedom, care, accountability and struggles against criminalization and incarceration through thematic exhibitions, diverse voices and often untold perspectives. We collaborate with curators, artists, and cultural makers and feature work from currently and formerly incarcerated artists, as well as artists from the free world. We believe that cultural work precedes political work. In this way our gallery shows art that reflects the experiences of people impacted by the carceral system and ignites our imagination toward decarceration and abolition. We ask that visitors refrain from using perfumes or other heavily scented items in order to minimize risks to people with chemical sensitivities.

Mission & Principles
The mission of Walls Turned Sideways is to build bridges that connect people in prison, their families, artists, and other community members using art, exhibitions, and political education with a focus on collective liberation, healing and abolition. Our work is guided by the following principles:

Abolition
We commit to imagining and practicing new forms of accountability where healing and meeting people's needs are at the forefront. We actively work against systems that incarcerate and enact violence on our communities and we commit to building up resources that do not rely on punishment as a solution to harm. We work to undo the violence of white supremacy in all its forms including but not limited to racism, sexism, classism, ableism, homophobia and transphobia.

Community
We recognize that all of us experienced and caused trauma in the world. We hold firmly to the belief that there is always a way back through care, community and commitment to each other. We strive to use a wide range of communication tools to address disagreements with the understanding that we are working collectively to build strong community bonds. We pledge to move with purpose and intention towards building healing ecosystems.

Experimentation
We believe in radical experimentation! We acknowledge that growth does not happen in comfortable spaces therefore we challenge each other to take risks and try new things. We see experimentation as both the play of materials, sound, movement and more, as a way to exercise our artistic and creative muscles. We also see experimentation as the play with our own relationships and commitments to people and ideas. Experimentation is a form of being vulnerable and learning together, and it ensures mistakes will be made and are part of the process.

Our art studio is dedicated to creating graphics for social justice movements and developing advocacy tools that educate the public about critical issues affecting our lives. As art has always been at the forefront of social change, this work involves both celebrating important histories and challenging carceral systems. The studio is equipped with tools for screen printing (excluding screen burning), printmaking, drawing, painting, and more. We open the studio for several different types of programming: Open Studio — We open the studio every Saturday from 12-5PM for families, children, formerly incarcerated artists, and the Garfield Park community who want to make art. All materials and supplies are provided free of charge. wallsturnedsideways.org

MAKING & MOVING PRISON PAPERS

A Writer & Editor Panel with

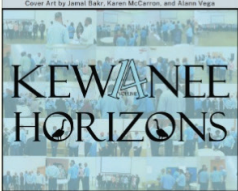
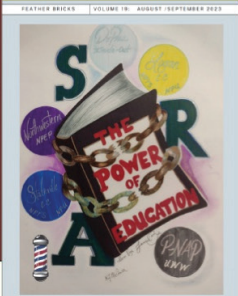
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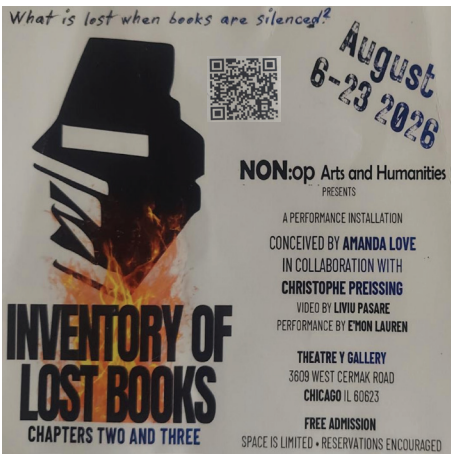
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The Sexuality of Care Author Talk, Activities, & Book Signing!
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M. K. Thekkumkattil in conversation with Eman Abdelhadi & Anne

M. K. Thekkumkattil's debut *The Sexuality of Care* is a unique, conversation-starting essay collection about critical care work, kink practices, and how one might transform the other.

Join us for readings by and conversations with M. K. Thekkumkattil, Eman Abdelhadi and Anne about dreaming care work futures and hospital abolition. Must RSVP by Aug 6 to guarantee getting a book at the event. Register at bit.ly/sexualityofcare



September 3, 4PM
Motown and the Making of Working-Class Revolutionaries: The Story of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers

Seminary Co-op Bookstore
5751 S Woodlawn Ave.

Walda Katz-Fishman and Jerome Scott will discuss *Motown and the Making of Working-Class Revolutionaries: The Story of the League of Revolutionary Black Workers*. A Q&A and signing will follow the discussion.

About the book: *Motown and the Making of Working-Class Revolutionaries* offers a fresh perspective on class, race, and revolution in the United States. Drawing on more than forty hours of interviews with former members of the League of Revolutionary

Black Workers, Scott and Katz-Fishman share the rich story of the League, including the women and students. That story includes the history of the automotive industry in Detroit, the 1967 Detroit Rebellion, and the wildcat strike that sparked the Dodge Revolutionary Union Movement (DRUM). The authors describe the rise of the League from 1968 to 1971. They explore the centrality of struggle and political education as the League split and a section of League comrades moved into revolutionary organizations and social movement spaces, many of whom remain active today. League comrades share their analysis of the current moment, lessons for today's generation of revolutionaries, and staying the course of revolutionary struggle.

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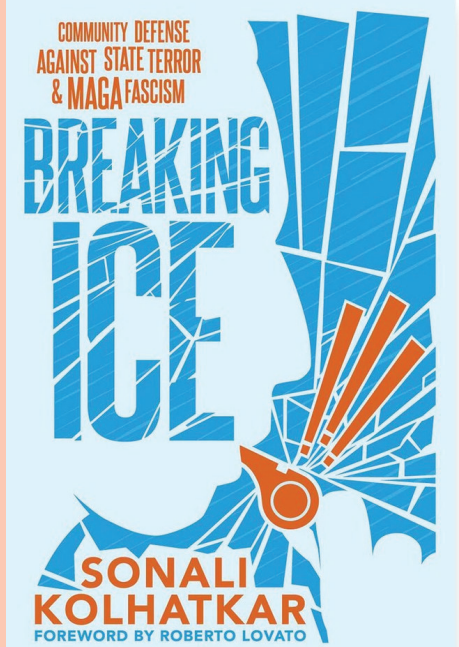


Aug. 27, 7-8:30PM
Breaking ICE: Community Defense against State Terror and MAGA Fascism
Pilsen Community Books, 1531 W. 18th St

Welcome Sonali Kolhatkar, Richard Wallace and Diego Morales for a conversation on the new anthology *Breaking ICE: Community Defense against State Terror and MAGA Fascism*, a gripping, on-the-ground account of the growing movement against state violence, featuring interviews with those on the frontlines of the fight for immigrant justice and what it means to belong.

A war is being waged on the streets of the United States of America: MAGA's violent anti-immigration regime is being challenged by a growing national movement dedicated to protecting communities and reversing racist and authoritarian policies. In *Breaking ICE*, award-winning journalist Sonali Kolhatkar presents her conversations with over a dozen movement organizers, lawyers, artists, labor leaders, and scholars on the frontlines of the fight. Through their courageous stories, Kolhatkar documents the impact of ICE violence, workplace raids, mass surveillance, and intimidation tactics, and how communities from Maine to California are organizing for a better world. Our present actions will not only determine the nature of Amer-

ican demographics from here on out, but also whether the future of the United States will look like an open multiracial democracy or a fascist police state.



Features conversations with: Pablo Alvarado, Nikki Marín Baena, Eduardo Delgado, Adela de la Torre, Shannon Gibney, Ron Gochez, David Huerta, Ibram X. Kendi, Robin D. G. Kelley, Josefina Lopez, Leonardo Martinez, Christine Neumann-Ortiz, Viet Thanh Nguyen, Favianna Rodriguez, Luis Rodriguez, Ruben Torres, Richard Wallace, Yohuru Williams,

and Kent Wong. Foreword by Roberto Lovato.

Sonali Kolhatkar is an award-winning multimedia journalist. She is the host of *Rising Up With Sonali*, a weekly television and radio program that airs on Free Speech TV and Pacifica Radio stations and affiliates around the United States. She is also the author of *Talking About Abolition: A Police Free World Is Possible* and *Rising Up: The Power of Narrative in Pursuing Racial Justice*. She has won numerous awards, including Best TV Anchor and Best National Political Commentary from the LA Press Club, and has been nominated for Best Radio Anchor four years in a row.

Richard Wallace is the founder and director of Equity and Transformation (EAT), an organization which fights for social and economic equity for Black workers in informal work and those who have been formerly incarcerated. EAT is involved with research, advocacy, policy development, community organizing, and podcast production. He is currently the board president at Working Family Solidarity. Prior to working at EAT, he worked with the Workers Center for Racial Justice and Chicago Workers Collaborative.

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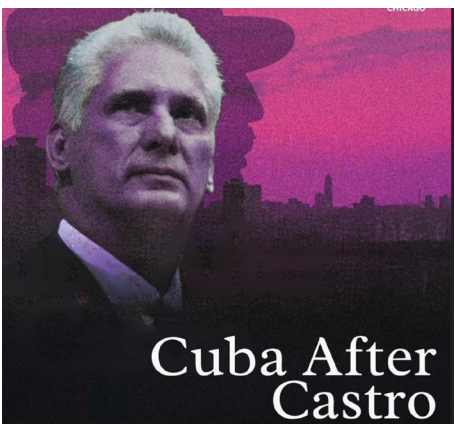
Hasbara fuses traditional PR with AI-driven digital psy-ops, coordinated social-media manipulation using chatbots—including a \$145 million foreign-ministry campaign to influence AI tools like ChatGPT—paid “grassroots” influencers, and church-targeted initiatives that push Israeli-aligned narratives on congregants’ cell phones without disclosure. These tactics brainwash the public, suppress free speech, silence dissent, drive hatred of Palestinians, and manufacture the illusion of public consent for pro-Israeli policies.

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Aug. 16, 2PM
The Plastic Detox Film Screening
Evanston Public Library,
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August 19, 6:30PM
Cuba After Castro Film Screening
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What: Free Keshia Golden Rally
When: Tuesday, August 18, 11am
Where: Daley Plaza
More: bit.ly.FreeKeshia

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Tell Gov. Pritzker: CLEMENCY NOW

The Governor refuses to rule on a number of clemency petitions for our loved ones which have been sitting in his office for months. Some of these men have been wrongfully convicted, and **all of them deserve to be home with their families immediately. Swipe for a calling script!**



Cordell Sanders
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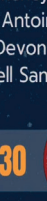
Cordell Sanders was incarcerated at age 16, and has spent 20 years in the terrible conditions at Pontiac, many of them in solitary. Sanders deserves to come home. **FREE THEM ALL!**

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defined authority empowers circles to act

members speak in rounds

decisions by consent

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understand + integrate

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14 September, 2026

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ILLINOIS PRISON PROJECT

Thursday, Aug. 20
12:00 pm
online

August 20, Noon
Illinois Prison Project Ambassadors: From Experience to Influence
Online

We will examine IPP's Ambassador Fellowship Program, where formerly incarcerated people transform their lived experience into narratives that drive change, and discuss the importance of centering people with lived experience in our movement.

Register here: <https://illinoisprisonproject.networkforgood.com/events/103593-august-virtual-lunch-learn-ambassadors-from-experience-to-influence>

FRIDAY AUG 21
ELASTIC ARTS
TALKING 5:30
MUSIC 8:00

THIS WRECKAGE
LIVE PODCAST AND
INDEPENDENT LABOR CLUB
BENEFIT CONCERT FEAT
DJ BATHWATER
20 EYES JOE & RUE
SHAVON REZNIKOV

8+ / TICKETS \$15 / BYOB / PIZZA

Aug. 21, 2026, 5:30PM
'This Wreckage' Benefit Concert

Elastic Arts, 3427 W. Diversey #208

The Independent Labor Club invites you to the public kick off of our first national convention! Join us at Elastic Arts in Logan Square for a live podcast recording of This Wreckage (formerly Antifada), followed by a benefit concert featuring Shavon Reznikov, 20 Eyes, J O E & R U E, and DJ Bathwater. Tickets available here: <https://luma.com/tc972eyv>

There will be pizza, snacks, N/A bevs, and merch for sale! NOTE: This venue is BYOB, so grab your beer/wine/canned cocktails at the convenience store next door.

All proceeds support ILC's community building, education, and labor solidarity work.

The location is not wheelchair accessible.

Aug. 24, 11AM
Keisha Golden Goes to Trial
2650 S. California Ave, Room 500
Solidarity Rally outside of the courthouse at 11AM preceding the start of the trial. Wear purple.

Keshia is a young mother fighting first-degree murder charges for defending herself and her unborn child (now three-years-old) against her abuser. Her experience as a survivor of domestic violence and her criminalization by the state is one of the most despicable forms of oppression women face under patriarchy and the capitalist system it upholds.

No courts, police, laws, or anyone organization came to Keshia's aid when she needed it the most. The system failed,

and it forced Keshia to save herself and her unborn child. That is why it is up to us to free Keshia, to vindicate her name, and fight to end the system that tries to keep her and countless others in a state of submission.

Pledge to support Keshia at her trial: <https://forms.gle/2m3H1uHvMLBEeH-Nu9>

August 27, 6-8PM Central
Online Workshop:
Bargaining Fundamentals
Learn how to skillfully navigate contract negotiations!

Join other bargaining committee members at this crash course covering legal frameworks, common terminology, drafting proposals, democratic practices in bargaining, and other tips and strategies. \$10.

labornotes.org

August 27, 6-10PM,
Full Moon Fire Jam

FAMILY FRIENDLY PERFORMANCE ART RAINBOW BEACH FULLMOONJAM.ORG

SOLIDARITYFOREVER

a radical pop-up and intergenerational conversation with activist Kipp Dawson

august 28th 6:30pm haymarket house

Friday, August 28, 6:30-8:30PM **An Intergenerational Dialogue with Kipp Dawson** facilitated by her daughter Leah Yacknin-Dawson.

Haymarket House, 800 W. Buena Ave, Chicago

The pop-up exhibit will remain on display through 3PM during the Radical Used Book Fair Saturday, August 29.

Register here: <https://www.haymarket-house.org/events/solidarity-forever-a-radical-pop-up-and-intergenerational-conversation-with-activist-kipp-dawson/>

Feminist, lesbian, and socialist, Kipp Dawson has built and maintained coalitions for over 60 years across causes ranging from queer liberation to the labor movement to anti-imperialist causes. This radical pop-up features material from her decades as an activist, coal miner, and labor organizer in some of the largest international and domestic movements for freedom and justice. Spotlighting material from her work building union solidarity networks between workers in El Salvador, Australia, the UK, and the US, bridging gay liberation and socialism, and using tools of solidarity and organizing to resist US militarization abroad and racial violence at home, this pop-up urges us all to seek unlikely alliances, break down barriers, and work towards a better future for all. As "Solidarity Forever" shows, in Kipp's own words, "There is beauty in struggling together."

Kipp Dawson is a lifelong radical and activist. She co-planned the second Christopher Street Liberation Day celebrations following Stonewall, participated in the first and second Congress to Unite Women, and ran as the Socialist Workers Party candidate for Senate in New York. For 13 years, she worked as a

coal miner in Appalachia, helping to organize women miners and international solidarity among laborers in El Salvador, England, and Australia. At 81, she continues to show up for a range of causes, building intergenerational coalitions along the way.

Leah Yacknin-Dawson is a writer and poet from Pittsburgh, PA. She works at Tzedek Chicago. In the summer, she is probably at the lake.

August 28, 6PM Assemble 6:30 Roll

Chicago Critical Mass Bike Ride

Daley Plaza,
Dearborn and Washington
Last Friday every month

August 28, 5:30- 8:30PM
South Asian Solidarity Movement Summer Soiree
Park & Field, 3509 W. Fullerton

The work of building a more just world asks a lot of us. It asks us to pay attention, to stay engaged, to keep showing up. But movements aren't sustained by strategy alone. They're sustained by the conversations that happen after the meeting ends. The unexpected connections that cause us to linger until it's time to lock up the venue. The moments when strangers become comrades and friends.

This August, we're gathering @parkandfield for an evening of levity, with tasty drinks, small bites, thoughtful conversation, and the chance to spend time together outside the urgency of the work.

Whether you're a longtime member of the SASM community or newly curious about who we are, we'd love to see you there.

The SASM team will provide light appetizers. Drinks will be on attendees personal tab. Feel free to bring a friend or come as you are. RSVP here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/sasm-soiree-tickets-1988408972764>

Saturday, August 29, 11AM-3PM
Latch & Stroll 2026
A Celebration of Black Breastfeeding Week
Russell Square Park, 3045 E. 83rd St, Chicago

An afternoon of community, connection, resources, and celebrations for families.

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Monday, August 31st
Dinners for Survivance Kurdish Dinner

Marz Community Brewing
3630 S. Iron St, Chicago

Led by artist Belzar Aradini and Beimal Yazdanparast, hosted by sisters Beizar Aradini and Beimal Yazdanparast, this dinner centers on what it means to cook as part of the Kurdish diaspora. Raised in Nashville, Tennessee, home to one of the largest Kurdish communities in the United States, their family arrived as refugees after fleeing the Anfal genocide, Saddam Hussein's genocidal campaign against the Kurdish people in the late 1980s.

This displaced hundreds of thousands of Kurds and forever reshaped the lives of Kurdish families across the world. This same campaign was carried out with chemical weapons and enabled in part through U.S. support for the Iraqi regime during that period.

This dinner's proceeds will be donated to The Lotus Flower, an NGO who support women and girls in Kurdistan to build sustainable futures beyond conflict and displacement. The Lotus Flower was founded in March 2016 in direct response to the 2014 ISIS attacks on the Yazidi community in northern Iraq, one of the most devastating humanitarian crises in the region's recent history. Nearly a decade later, The Lotus Flower continues to operate across the Kurdistan Region of Iraq with 120 locally hired staff, eight permanent women's centers, and fifteen mobile teams. If you would like to learn more, please visit thelotusflower.org

Two seatings
5:30 - 7:00 PM and 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Presented by Public Media Institute in

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Ticket Sales:
<https://coprosperity.org/chicago/2026/5/13/community-kitchen-dinners>

Sept. 6, 3PM
Labor Day Fest
Paradise Garden Logan Square
2214 N. Drake
Family-friendly. We will have teach-ins, a free clothing swap, arts and crafts, a community potluck, and more!
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Eddie Fest from 12:00pm-5:00pm at Steelworkers Park featuring Music by Survive-Her & DJ Chase The Stars of POWW Pro-Wrestling Kids Entertainment Food, Beer, & Craft Vendors
www.chicagolaborparade.com

JOIN US FOR AN AFTERNOON WITH

AMY GOODMAN

Join trailblazing journalist, author, and host of Democracy NOW! Amy Goodman, in conversation with Damon Williams, co-founder of RESPAIR media.

Moderator Damon Williams

Sunday, Sept. 6, 2:30-4PM.
Independent Media in a Time of Elections, War and Rising Authoritarianism.

UIC Student Center, 750 S. Halsted

Amy Goodman, renowned grassroots journalist, founder of Democracy NOW!, and recipient of the Right Livelihood Award, will share her insights on confronting power and understanding successful mass movements. Moderated by Damon Williams, award-winning journalist and co-founder of Respair Media. General Admission: \$35.00; Student / Limited income: \$10.00
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