

THE INTERRELIGIOUS TASK FORCE ON CENTRAL AMERICA AND COLOMBIA
and
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
present

THE 18TH ANNUAL SOCIAL JUSTICE TEACH-IN

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SHOOTING WITHOUT BULLETS:
CREATIVE RESPONSES TO
STATE VIOLENCE
& SOCIAL INJUSTICE

Shooting
w/o
Bullets

Featuring: Amanda King, founding
director of Shooting Without Bullets.

Shooting Without Bullets responds to
social injustices that affect teens and
state-sanctioned violence against
people of color and poor communities.

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Conference Schedule

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| 10:30-11:00 | Check-in and Brunch
<i>Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom</i> |
| 11:00-11:25 | Welcome and Introductory Remarks,
including shared agreements
<i>Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom</i> |
| 11:25-12:15 | Keynote: Amanda King
“Shooting Without Bullets:
Creative Responses to State Violence and
Social Injustice”
<i>Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom</i> |
| 12:30-1:25 | Workshop Session 1 |
| 1:40-2:35 | Workshop Session 2 |
| 2:50-3:10 | Jolt for Justice:
<i>Tinkham Veale University Center Ballroom</i> |

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Center for Civic Engagement and Learning
Lambda Eta Mu
Social Justice Institute

IRTF: InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia

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There is no life to be found in violence. Every act of violence brings us closer to death. Whether it's the mundane violence we do to our bodies by overeating toxic food or drink or the extreme violence of child abuse, domestic warfare, life-threatening poverty, addiction, or state terrorism. —bell hooks

IRTF www.IRTFcleveland.org

The InterReligious Task Force on Central America and Colombia (IRTF) is a Cleveland-based nonprofit that promotes peace and human rights in Central America and Colombia. People of faith and conscience founded IRTF after the horrific violence of December 2, 1980 when four US women (two from Cleveland) were killed in El Salvador by US-trained soldiers: Jean Donovan, an alumna of Case Weatherhead School of Management, Sister Dorothy Kazel, an alumna of Ursuline College and John Carroll University, along with Maryknoll Sisters Ita Ford and Maura Clarke. Presente!

Since 1981, IRTF has mobilized people from various faith and secular communities to change US policies, corporate actions, and consumer behaviors that undermine this vision of nonviolent social change. We call people to walk in solidarity with oppressed peoples of Central America and Colombia, to achieve peace, justice, human rights, and systemic transformation through nonviolence.

Program Areas

Anti-Militarism

Building relationships with people in Central America and Colombia that develop and uphold self-determination, freedom, democracy and social and economic justice. Monitoring impacts of US foreign policy, military training, and presence.

Environmental Human Rights

Protecting the environment by joining with indigenous, Afro-descendant and other peasant communities as they resist assaults on their lands, sovereignty, natural resources and cultures.

Exploited Labor Solidarity

Engaging consumers in campaigns focused on transnational corporations to empower workers to improve their wages and working conditions and take more control of their workplaces. Advocating for US trade policies to protect US jobs, consumer safety, and the environment, as well as improve conditions for workers in Latin America.

Fair Trade

Supporting people who work for themselves in democratic associations (cooperatives) to end exploitation and extreme inequality, and to promote self-determination, gender equality and transparency. (IRTF brought fair trade coffee to Cleveland in the mid-1990s. IRTF organizes the NE Ohio Fair Trade Network and annual Ohio Fair Trade Teach-In & Expo.)

LGBTQ Solidarity

Supporting LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) people and their families to gain broader inclusion in all sectors of their societies and end repression against LGBTQ persons. (IRTF organized Ohio's first-ever LGBTQ delegation to Central America in 2013.)

Afro-descendant and Indigenous Solidarity

Promoting dignity and equality for Afro-descendant and native peoples across the hemisphere and resisting state-sponsored violence and institutionalized racism.

Young Adult Empowerment

Accompanying, empowering and supporting young adults to be leaders who act to bring about greater peace and justice in our world. IRTF conducts dozens of workshops in high school and college classrooms each year. IRTF provides internship opportunities for several students each semester. IRTF's annual Social Justice Teach-In is a signature event that brings together hundreds of students from area schools.

Rapid Response Network

Protecting people living under threat, demanding investigations of human rights crimes, bringing human rights criminals to justice. IRTF responds to 72 urgent human rights cases each year.

CWRU Organizers

APO:

Alpha Phi Omega (APO), a co-ed fraternity open to all, is one of the largest fraternities in the United States. At Case Western Reserve University, the student chapter members work toward achieving three pillars: leadership, friendship, and service. APO members complete at least 20 hours of service a semester in a variety of projects from tutoring to organizing a local fundraiser 5k race. APO was chartered at CWRU in the 1950s and rechartered in 1992.



CCEL:

The Center for Civic Engagement & Learning (CCEL) is a department within the Division of Student Affairs at Case Western Reserve University. CCEL's mission is to create an engaged campus by providing and supporting opportunities for community service and collective action while promoting civic awareness and leadership. To this end, CCEL coordinates a variety of programming for students to facilitate community engagement and learning including one-time service projects, semester and academic year-long programs, and educational events like the Social Justice Teach-In.



Lambda Eta Mu:

Lambda Eta Mu, the Greek Service Honor Society, was founded to enhance the quality of service and philanthropy. The Society exists to recognize those in our Greek community who give selflessly of their time and talents. LHM believes that through a giving spirit, Greeks continue their dedication to the greater community and a better world. With great humility of spirit, our members will make a difference to humanity by lending a hand to those in need and in doing so will better their campus, their Greek community, and most importantly themselves.



CWRU Social Justice Institute:

Launched in 2010, the Case Western Reserve University Social Justice Institute works toward equal access to opportunity for all people through understanding and addressing the root causes of social injustice and developing innovative solutions. Through cooperation, communication and collaboration, the SJI supports innovative and cross-disciplinary research, scholarship and pedagogy, builds and supports social justice leaders on and off campus, and forges productive relationships across boundaries within the university and into the community.

At SJI, we believe that the university should be educators and leaders in advancing an inclusive and just society that raises awareness of injustices, enhances moral courage, promotes critical thinking about power, privilege and equity, and encourages action and equitable solutions. Initiatives include conferences, collaborations and courses, including the opportunity for CWRU students to minor in Social Justice.



Keynote Speaker

Amanda King is an artist-activist, social entrepreneur and emerging film-producer, who is elevating the voices of Cleveland teens through the arts. She is the founder and creative director of Shooting Without Bullets, a revolutionary movement for black and brown teens that employs photography, design and hip-hop performance to combat social injustices.

Amanda serves as the youth advocate on the Cleveland Community Police Commission where she writes policy recommendations related to bias-free policing, juvenile rights and police accountability.



Amanda received her B.A. in Art History from Bryn Mawr College (2011) and a J.D. from Case Western Reserve University School of Law (2017). Her activism has been recognized by the Case Western Reserve University School of Law as a recipient of the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Award for following in character and conduct the spirit of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., the Diane Ethics award for demonstrating in academic, professional and extracurricular activities the best understanding of the ethics and ideals of the profession and the Dean's Award For Community Service for her commitment to enriching the lives of others in the Greater Cleveland Area and serving as an example to those within and outside the legal profession.

"I use my creative talents to create diverse ways to convey important social justice issues to the community. My areas of focus are policy, civil rights, race and justice, and police transformation. My artistic practice includes creative direction, photography, curation, film production and consulting. I educate the public through panel discussions, talks and interviews. I have also appeared on television and in documentary film. I look forward to working with you. - Amanda King"

— Amanda King

Shared Agreements

We appreciate your support in helping us uphold these community agreements so as to allow for a shared learning environment that fosters understanding and respect of one another.

Actively Listen Avoid the desire to formulate a response to someone while they are speaking. Be comfortable with silence and recognize the need for reflection.

Respectfully Speak Practice empathy when you speak. Use “I” statements.

Be Aware that Participants Represent Only Themselves–
Recognize we can only speak for ourselves, not the social groups we are a part of.

Move In/Move Out, Share Airtime and Center Voices of Affected Communities Leave time for others to share their experiences. Encourage space for affected communities to speak. Recognize we have a lot to learn from one another.

Exhibit Open Mindedness Listen harder when you disagree. Challenge yourself to abandon judgment. Look for new insights.



Berta lives on,
COPINH is
strong!

#Berta Cáceres
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Berta Cáceres, a human and land rights defender from Honduras was killed on March 2, 2016. She was the co-founder and coordinator of COPINH (the Civil Council of Popular and Indigenous Organizations of Honduras).

Honduras is the deadliest country in the world for environmental activists, with more than **120 killings** since the 2009 US-backed coup.

Volunteer with IRTF and help us research and support indigenous struggles against land grabs, environmental degradation and mega projects. IRTF works to support and respect indigenous sovereignty throughout Latin America and the world. ¡La Lucha Sigue!

Workshops

Session 1 — 12:30 to 1:25 pm	Location
What Is Social Justice?	Thwing Ballroom
American Land Reform: The Vision & Practices of the Community Land Trust Movement	Tink 2nd Floor Conference Room
Community Rights for Social Justice: Growing Roots and Rights	Clark 302
Diaspora and Visual Culture	Thwing Room 201
Don't Criminalize Our Transit Riders!	Thwing Meeting Room A (224)
Healthcare in the US: It's Going Tibia Okay!	Tink Ballroom A
Imperative of Transportation Equity	Thwing Room 101
Innocent Until Proven Muslim: Institutionalized Islamophobia and State Violence in the War on Terror	Tink Senior Classroom A
Linking Activism & Electoral Politics	Thwing 302
Music Is My Weapon, Music Is My Shield: A Primer on Social Justice Music	Tink Ballroom B
Participation Matters: Methods of Political Engagement	Tink Gaming Room
Seize the Grid: A Grassroots Movement for Energy Justice	Tink First Floor Conference Room
Sex Ed in Ohio—Creative Ways to Bridge the Gap	Tink Ballroom C
The Forgotten Identity: A discussion on Disability and Ability Privilege	Tink Senior Classroom B
Juvenile Domestic Violence Offenders in the US: Status and Proposed Solutions	Thwing 301

Double Session — 12:30
Safe Zone Friend Training
Stop Power-Based Personal Violence: Green Dot Bystander Intervention Workshop

Workshops

Session 2 — 1:40 to 2:35 pm	Location
What Is Social Justice?	Thwing Ballroom
Animal Welfare: Social Justice & Cats	Clark 302
Anti-Racist Work with AMP NEO	Thwing Meeting Room A (224)
Diaspora and Visual Culture	Thwing Room 201
Embedded Sustainability: How the Private Sector Can Promote World Benefit	Tink 1st Floor Conference Room
How to Stop a Deportation?: Deportation Defense Campaigns 101	Tink Ballroom A
Innocent Until Proven Muslim: Institutionalized Islamophobia and State Violence in the War on Terror	Tink Senior Classroom A
Practical, Tactical Music and Sound for Social Justice Action	Tink Ballroom B
Science, Society, and Human Rights: Realizing Our Right to Clean Water and Sanitation	Thwing 302
So You've Heard About Flint, but What About Cleveland?	Tink Senior Classroom B
Spirituality, Liberation, & Community	Tink Ballroom C
Teaching Nonviolence through North Korea	Tink Gaming Room
The Changing Face of the Middle East and the Future of Anti-War and Anti-Imperialist Movements	Tink Second Floor Conference Room
The Role of Students and Universities in the Solution to High Drug Prices	Thwing 301
The Social Justice of Herbal Medicine	Thwing Room 101
Where Are Your Clothes Made?: An Introduction to Fast Fashion	Guilford 323
to 2:35 pm	Location
	Clark 104
	Tink Suite 248

What Is Social Justice?

Presented by

12:30—Dr. John Flores, CWRU Social Justice Institute

1:40—Tim Black, CWRU Social Justice Institute

What exactly is “social justice”? Discover the foundational principles of social justice – equity, inclusion and more – with the Social Justice Institute. You’ll learn the major themes, terms and philosophy, examine the –isms that impact our community, and share a conversation about power, privilege and change.

-John H. Flores, PhD is Associate Professor in the Department of History at Case Western Reserve University and was the first professor hired through the Social Justice Institute Initiative. He specializes in Mexican American history, and his research interests include modern Mexico; the history of immigration and citizenship in the United States; multinational political and labor movements; and ethnic, racial, and national identity formation. His current book manuscript, *On the Wings of the Revolution: Migration, Transnational Politics, and the Making of a Midwestern Mexican American Identity*, traces the ideologies and activities of Mexican immigrant organizations back to their regional origins in Mexico, revealing how the political climate in specific locales in Mexico shaped immigrant political actions in the United States during the first half of the twentieth century. Professor Flores teaches courses on Latina/os, immigration, labor, and racial and ethnic relations.

-Timothy Black, PhD, is associate professor of sociology and the second faculty member hired through the Social Justice Institute. His scholarly work examines the intersections between larger social structures and personal lives from which he advances a medium of sociological storytelling to illustrate how social structures are lived. He is the author of *When a Heart Turns Rock Solid: The Lives of Three Puerto Rican Brothers On and Off the Streets*, named a best book of 2009 by The Washington Post. More recently, he is the co-author, with Mary Patrice Erdmans, of the award-winning book, *On Becoming a Teen Mom: Life Before Pregnancy* (2015), which was featured in the CWRU College of Arts & Sciences Magazine.

American Land Reform: The Vision & Practices of the Community Land Trust Movement

Presented by Bishop Chui and Michael Fiala

Community Land Trusts (CLTs) have been used as a primary tool in hundreds of communities throughout the world by/for people with lower incomes to stay/live in neighborhoods that are subject to gentrification. We will address these current issues in Cleveland, their intersection with race, & Northeast Ohio's CLT. We relate CLTs to the larger vision of de-commodifying land and equity in land use.

-Bishop Chui is Community Coordinator for Neighborhood Housing Services of Greater Cleveland, and an activist with Black Lives Matter. Michael Fiala, with the Cleveland Catholic Worker, has spent 35 years working on issues of longterm affordable housing in Cleveland and has been a board member for NE Ohio's Community Land Trust.

Community Rights for Social Justice: Growing Roots and Rights

Presented by Tish O'Dell, Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund

In this session, we will just give a brief introduction to Community Rights and begin exploring why we don't have the power to establish minimum wage laws, LGBT rights, stop pipelines, and other issues facing our communities. We look at how the corporate state overrides local democratic decision-making and forces unjust labor, environmental, and discriminating practices into our communities. And we will see some examples of communities using Community Rights to elevate the rights of people and nature over the corporate state.

Diaspora and Visual Culture

Presented by Mori Anderson Hitchcock, Fellowship of Reconciliation & Telling Truth Project

A workshop on overcoming the challenges of representation and visualizations of identity across the black diaspora through popular media and visual culture.

-Mori is 24 years old, nonbinary, and of African American and Jamaican American descent. Mori is currently serving on the Advisory Board and Steering Committee of the Truth Telling Project, is a member of the Truth Telling Collective, a program assistant for the Fellowship of Reconciliation, and an International Peace Research Associations-United Nations Scholarship Fellow.

Don't Criminalize Our Transit Riders!

Presented by Christina Castillo, Casa San José & Thomas Merton Center of Pittsburgh

Last February, Port Authority of Pittsburgh announced that they want to propose fare changes to make riding the T more efficient. Unfortunately, their plan includes using armed Port Authority Police officers, "random checks," \$300 fines, arrests and criminal charges to enforce fare payment. Come learn about what's happening and ways you can plug in!

-Casa San José is a community resource center that advocates for and empowers Latinxs by promoting integration and self-sufficiency. The Thomas Merton Center works to build a consciousness of values and to raise the moral questions involved in the issues of war, poverty, racism, classism, economic justice, human rights, and environmental justice. TMC engages people of diverse philosophies and faiths who find common ground in the nonviolent struggle to bring about a more peaceful and just world.

Healthcare in the US: It's Going Tibia Okay!

Presented by Dr. Kyra Rothenberg, Director of CWRU Health Communication Minor, and Jeffrey Antoine, Chang Yoon Doh, Bethany Lutter - CCEL Student Executive Council

The US healthcare system isn't perfect, but neither is Germany's or Japan's. Salaries in the medical industry, the system around medical schools, and the importance of malpractice insurance, among other factors, differentiate the U.S. from other countries. In this session we'll discuss the main characteristics that define a health care system and determine the coverage and quality of care its citizens receive. With this information you'll be able to critically examine the US healthcare system's standing from a global perspective. No country is perfect, but we can still learn from our peers.

Imperative of Transportation Equity

Presented by Akshai Singh, Clevelanders for Public Transit

How do roads reflect communities? How do roads project politics and class? Transportation is the largest and fastest growing source of greenhouse gases; how are environmentalists so ill-equipped to discuss it? The goal of this workshop is to help participants connect typically abstract "climate action" with equity and justice movements in the Rust Belt and Northeast Ohio.

-Akshai (he/him/his) is an organizer for Clevelanders for Public Transit who lives in Cleveland Heights, and is a CWRU alum (BA Economics '09, MS Finance '16). Starting out as a student organizer at Case, he began working on transportation and climate issues in Washington, DC, before moving back to Cleveland in 2012. He can be found enjoying soccer, music, and left politics with friends around town.

Remember that you are fighting more than your own fight. You
are fighting for the entire working class and you must stand
together.—William Dudley Haywood

Innocent Until Proven Muslim: Institutionalized Islamophobia and State Violence in the War on Terror

Presented by Dr. Maha Hilal, Co-Director Justice for Muslims Collective

This workshop will provide an overview of state violence in the form of institutionalized Islamophobia in the War on Terror and how Muslims have been unfairly demonized and criminalized. This workshop will also speak to the ways that the Muslim community has resisted and identify interventions moving forward.

-Dr. Maha Hilal is the inaugural Michael Ratner Middle East Fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC, where she focuses on the domestic and international consequences of the Global War on Terror. She is also an organizer with Witness Against Torture and School of the Americas Watch working to help close Guantánamo Bay prison. As co-director of the Justice for Muslims Collective, she is involved in Muslim base building around the frame of institutional and structural Islamophobia.

Linking Activism & Electoral Politics

Presented by Gigi Traore, For Our Future Fund

The session will focus on helping novice and experienced activists turn their organizing work into electoral power. Attendees will (1) learn best practices for planning actions and events; (2) how to engage and retain volunteers; (3) identify ways of holding local and state elected officials accountable, and (4) how to elect leaders who reflect one's values. Lastly, the training will discuss ways of implementing intentional and long-term responses by turning activist energy into electoral power with a focus on college students and underrepresented groups.

-Gigi Traore has 15+ plus years of political experience with a focus on young adult, collegiate and urban engagement. Traore's activism began by using hip-hop culture as a tool to engage the student body and administration; as well as organizing a city-wide conference on the No Child Left Behind Act; which led to her public service at the international, national, state and local arena participating in legislative activism, voter engagement and educational issues ranging from environmental justice, student debt, immigration, education along with women and voter rights. As the founder of Power Network, a collegiate service-learning nonprofit specializing in leadership development, civic engagement, and policy study; she's organized/managed 20 campuses, engaged over 50,000 college students through training, voter registration and service projects. Gigi Traore is currently Regional Director, For Our Future; Convener of The Cuyahoga Black Caucus and served as 2017 US Delegate to China.

Music Is My Weapon, Music Is My Shield: A Primer on Social Justice Music

Presented by Daphne Carr

They have real shields and bullets, and the exclusive right to use them: we have our bodies, voices, creativity, communities, organization, power, and our songs, but oh do we have the songs! Join this informal, song filled talk on the history of musical sound in and as social justice movements—all levels of listeners from beginner to expert welcome to come. We'll draw threads from Miriam Makeba to Beyonce, folk to free jazz, Paul Robeson to Kendrick Lamar as we think through how and why music can be paradoxically both our weapon and our shield against the harms of the state. Participants are encouraged to send their favorite song against state power to daphnegacarr@gmail.com for a mixtape, which will be shared with the group.

-Daphne Carr is an activist, writer, editor, educator, and scholar who is completing a dissertation on the history of police sound technologies used in public order policing in New York City. She is an adjunct professor in Media Studies and Communications at New York University and widely published journalist and the author of *Nine Inch Nails Pretty Hate Machine* (Continuum). She is currently an action street medic and in the past has been a musical organizer for mass political assemblies such as the People's Climate March and Occupy Wall Street, NYC.

Participation Matters: Methods of Political Engagement

Presented by Austin Stroud & Ashley Chan, CCEL Vote Everywhere Ambassadors

Participation matters in a democracy! There are a multitude of ways in which citizens participate civically and politically in their society. This session will discuss the importance of voting, contacting your public officials, and protesting as viable methods of political participation. Most importantly, attendees will leave this session with an action plan intact to address the issues they care about most.

Seize the Grid: A Grassroots Movement for Energy Justice

Presented by John Turner, Student Sustainability Council

Seize the Grid is a youth-led network committed to justice and equity for humanity and the environment; the organization strives for a social, economic and political transition to a world in which all people may thrive through a changing climate. Seize the Grid sees humanity as part of a global, interconnected ecosystem; within that ecosystem, Seize the Grid commits to transforming the institutions that perpetuate unjust exploitation. Seize the Grid acts now for the wellness of our generation and future generations. The organization organizes to implement a just and equitable transition to 100% clean energy by 2030. This also includes organizing for energy democracy as the first step towards the massive redistribution of political and economic power necessary to achieve liberation. Seize the Grid believes in the power of decentralized, accessible, and inclusive movements to shift the terrain of what's possible and demonstrate a new way of working together in community.

Sex Ed in Ohio: Creative Ways to Bridge the Gap

Presented by Annie Krol, Former Northern Ohio Organizer, NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio

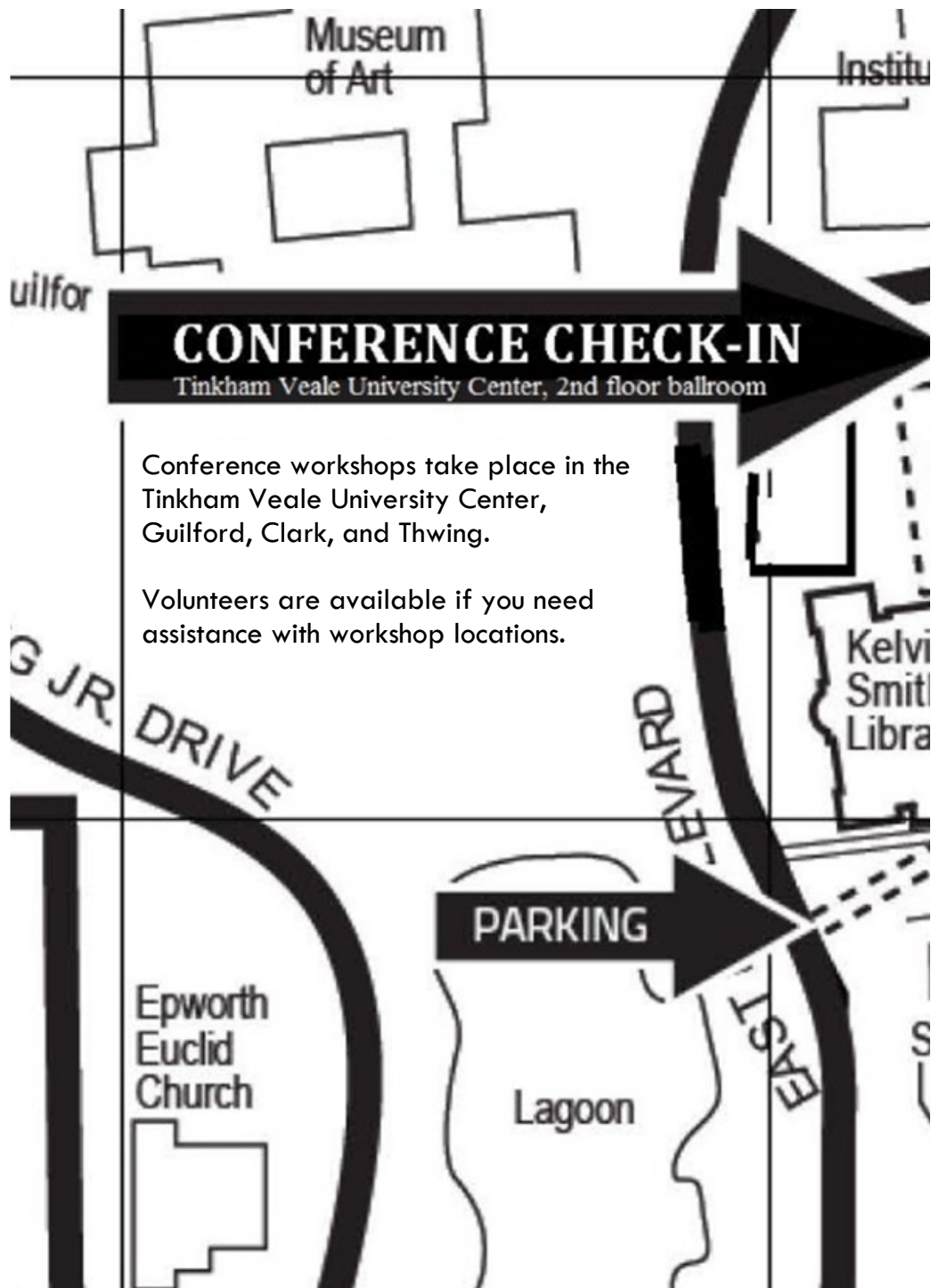
Ohio has no policy mandating any standard of sexual health education. We also suffer high rates of maternal death after childbirth and racial and class-based discrepancies in accessing quality reproductive healthcare. Learn how one activist fights these discrepancies with creative and more inclusive approaches to sex education.

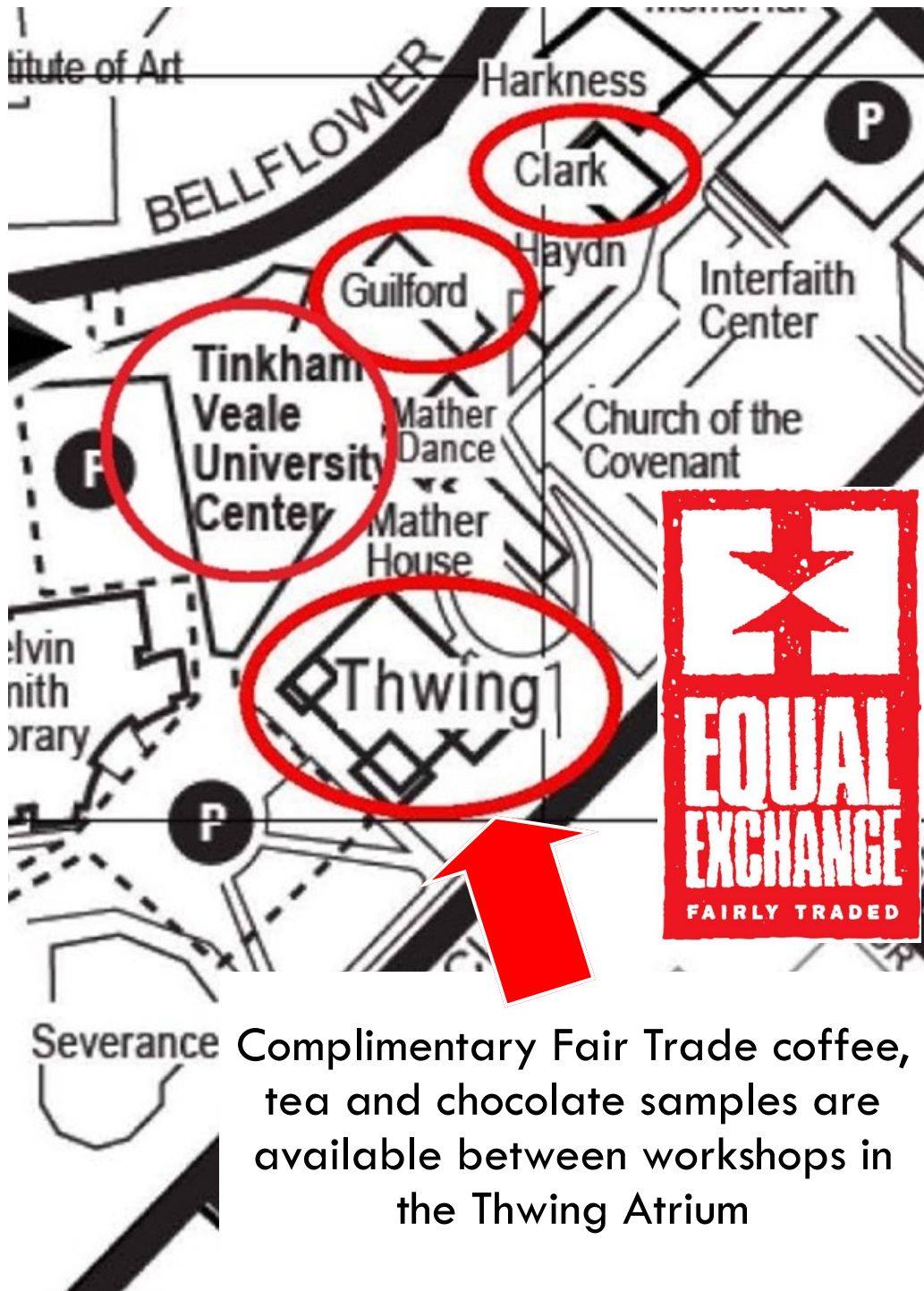
-Annie Krol is an artist, sex educator, and former Northern Ohio organizer for NARAL Pro-Choice Ohio. She is an activist based in a cooperative homestead in the Buckeye neighborhood of Cleveland. Annie has worked as a reproductive rights activist, sex educator, teaching and resident artist, patient advocate and doula, and has worked on many electoral and issue-based campaigns. They are passionate about cheap art, growing food to feed people, and creating more inclusive social spaces and movements.

The Social Justice of Herbal Medicine

Presented by Dr. Erika Olbricht, CWRU Department of English and Madelyn McMillen, CCEL Student Executive Council

This introductory session will explain what herbalism is and how it connects to social justice. Herbalism is a growing form of alternative medicine, and there is a lot of research starting to back the legitimacy of herbal remedies. We will talk about specific plants and their medicinal uses, and show how they have been tied to specific cultures and their diverse understandings of health. We will delve into this issue and explain other ways that herbalism is connected to social justice. By the end of the session, people will have a much better understanding on this important topic.





Complimentary Fair Trade coffee, tea and chocolate samples are available between workshops in the Thwing Atrium

Courtesy of Equal Exchange

The Forgotten Identity: A discussion on Disability and Ability Privilege

Presented by Lauren Burdett, MSSA, No Wrong Door-Independent Living Specialist, The Regional Center for Independent Living

When you think of social justice, what comes to mind? Most often when people think of Social Justice, they think of issues of identity regarding race, gender, sexuality, class... but what about disability? Despite the fact that disability encompasses all other identities and is the only identity that touches all people at some point in their lives, it is still the most under-discussed identity in modern society. This presentation will shed light on why disability is still the most under-recognized identity that faces social injustice, specifically discussing ability privilege and what it means to be "temporarily able-bodied."

-Lauren is a graduate of CWRU with her Master's in Social Work. Lauren was born with a disability and has made it her personal and professional mission to educate the world around her on what it means to live with a disability and how each one of us can contribute to make the world a better place for people with disabilities.

Juvenile Domestic Violence Offenders in the US: Status and Proposed Solutions

Presented by Xinyi Situ, Begun Center for Violence, Prevention Research & Education

This session will give a brief introduction to the current situation of juvenile domestic violence offenders in the United States, including the type of violence, negative effects, recidivism rates, etc. Then, traditional methods of addressing those issues and their adverse consequences will be introduced. Alternative approaches in some states will be explored, and programmatic information useful in other jurisdictions will be presented. Finally, programs like PAR and CALM will be presented to better understand and assist DV youths.

Safe Zone Friend Training

(2 hour workshop from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.)

Presented by CWRU LGBT Center, Organized by Jodie Makara, CCEL Student Executive Council

Have a friend in the LGBTQ+ community or just want to educate yourself more? Come to this safe zone friend training hosted by the CWRU LGBT Center. Participants can expect to walk away knowing more about LGBTQ+ inclusive language as well as CWRU resources and policy around LGBTQ+ identities. Learn how to create a safe space for those who need it and how you can be the best advocate for your friends.

Stop Power-Based Personal Violence: Green Dot Bystander Intervention

Workshop (2 hour workshop from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.)

Presented by Ali Martin Scoufield, CWRU Office of Title IX, Organized by Amy Qin, CCEL Student Executive Council

Green Dot is a training to prevent power-based personal violence. It empowers participants to make observations, draw conclusions, and take safe steps towards intervention in uncertain situations as active bystanders. Join the mission to end violence in our community - no one has to do everything, but everyone can do something. The full workshop is 4 hrs, including Part I (12:30-2:30pm) and Part II (3:30-5:30pm). **Please note that Part II of the workshop is optional** and is only intended for those who are interested, but in order to receive the Green Dot Certificate, participants must be present at both parts.

Animal Welfare: Social Justice & Cats

Presented by Michelle Wheadon, Tails From the City, Organized by Nick Whalen & Amy Qin, CCEL Student Executive Council

Tails from the City is a non-profit, no-kill, all volunteer cat shelter located in Cleveland's NearWest/Ohio City neighborhood. In this workshop, learn about animal welfare issues and responsible pet ownership and why animal welfare is a social justice issue.

Anti-Racist Work with AMP NEO

Presented by AMP NEO Steering Committee, Amplifying Voices of Black, Indigenous, People of Color Northeast Ohio

The co-founders of AMP NEO will conduct an informal panel discussing how racism plays into the everyday lives of people of color, and how to de-center whiteness in anti-racist work. This workshop will guide white folks and non-black people of color on incorporating anti-racism in their everyday lives.

-AMP NEO seeks to amplify the voices of black, indigenous, and people of color. We strive to educate white folks in anti-racist work on how to take action and become an accomplice in anti-racism.

Embedded Sustainability: How the Private Sector Can Promote World Benefit

Presented by John Turner, Fowler Center for Business as an Agent of World Benefit

This presentation is based on the research of Chris Laszlo and Nadya Zhexembayeva. In order to address current crises such as anthropogenic global warming, income inequality, and the extinction crisis, it is necessary to leverage every segment of society. Unfortunately, role of the private sector, and the responsibility of private-sector decision makers to take action, is sometimes neglected. This workshop, will examine how the private sector, can best act to promote the United Nations 17 sustainable development goals. Workshop discussion will include the shortcomings of corporate philanthropy: its inefficiencies, and its propensity to be used as "reputation insurance" by the most problematic industries, and a better alternative: Embedded Sustainability, ensuring that a business's model for earning a profit intrinsically promotes social good.

Where Are Your Clothes Made?: An Introduction to Fast Fashion

Presented by Rita Maricocchi & Carolyn Manuck, CCEL Student Executive Council

This session is an introduction to fast fashion as a social justice issue. Participants will learn about the realities of today's fashion industry and the negative impact it has on human rights and the environment. The session will also discuss ways to make changes in one's own life and community to advocate against and spread awareness about fast fashion.

How to Stop a Deportation?: Deportation Defense Campaigns 101

Presented by Jessica Camacho & Austin Kocher, PhD, Central Ohio Worker Center

Are you passionate about stopping deportations through grassroots advocacy? Join the Central Ohio Worker Center and Immigrant Alliance Ohio for an introduction to organizing deportation defense campaigns. A deportation defense campaign is an organized attempt to keep a person from being deported by raising the visibility of the case through online and social media, generating popular support, and bringing people into the immigrant rights movement. You will learn the basics of immigrant-led organizing, how and why people are deported, what you can do to help prevent deportations, and provide support for individuals and families. We use engaging examples and discussion to provide a positive learning environment.

-Jessica Camacho is Coordinator for the Central Ohio Worker Center. As both an organizer and a DACA recipient, she is a staunch advocate for the rights of individuals and families affected by the broken immigration system. Austin Kocher (Researcher and Board President, Central Ohio Worker Center) recently graduated with his PhD from the Department of Geography from the Ohio State University. His dissertation, *Notice to Appear: Immigration Courts and the Legal Production of Illegalized Immigrants*, focused on the legal geographies of the immigration court system, and its role as a pillar of the US deportation regime.

Practical, Tactical Music and Sound for Social Justice Action

Presented by Daphne Carr

We all know that music can be a powerful force for positive social change, from Youtube to the streets, but how exactly does it do this? And how can we get the most meaning out of our sounds in the streets, at rallies, and in our meetings? This workshop for organizers, activists, musicians and those with musical interests will discuss practice elements of how to leverage the unique qualities of musical sound and music making in a variety of social justice settings from promotions to direct action. Please feel free to email in advance if you have specific scenarios/case studies you'd like to discuss (daphnegacarr@gmail.com).

-Daphne Carr is an activist, writer, editor, educator, and scholar who is completing a dissertation on the history of police sound technologies used in public order policing in New York City. She is an adjunct professor in Media Studies and Communications at New York University and widely published journalist and the author of *Nine Inch Nails Pretty Hate Machine* (Continuum). She is currently an action street medic and in the past has been a musical organizer for mass political assemblies such as the People's Climate March and Occupy Wall Street, NYC.

Science, Society, and Human Rights: Realizing Our Right to Clean Water and Sanitation

Presented by Bill Lenart, CWRU Science and Human Rights Coalition

This session will focus on our right to science, the origin of this right, and progress in the recognition and realization of that right. Using the specific manifestation of this right within the right to clean water and sanitation, we will examine the different approaches and outcomes in the US and El Salvador. By the end, participants will be able to discuss why we have a right to science, how it can help promote social justice, and how to integrate this framework when advocating to various stakeholders.

-Bill Lenart is a 5th-year PhD student in Macromolecular Science and Engineering at CWRU. He is the founder and president of the CWRU Science and Human Rights Coalition where he focuses on the realization of the right to science through advocacy, education, and outreach with a specific emphasis on the right to water. In addition, he serves on the AAAS SHRC Council providing input on student engagement, serves as president of the Macromolecular Student Organization, and coaches undergraduate students on servant leadership.

So You've Heard About Flint, but What About Cleveland?

Presented by Dr. Marilyn Lotas, Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing at CWRU, Debbie Aloschen, CMSD Director of Nursing and Health, and Sarah Park, CCEL Student Executive Council

In Cleveland, the lead crisis is far worse than that of Flint, Michigan. This session will dive into the direct effect that such high levels of lead can have on a population. Unfortunately for most, indications of lead poisoning do not emerge until it is too late; however, CWRU nursing school and the Cleveland Metropolitan School District have partnered to increase testing and awareness in and around our community.

Spirituality, Liberation, & Community

Presented by Jeffrey Boudon, Democratic Socialists of America, Cleveland Chapter

Religion seeks to address some of the deepest and most intimately urgent needs we have as humans: growth, health, & spiritual wholeness; a sense of community; the resolution of deep existential questions and crises; the cultivation of a joy in life which can withstand sorrow and disappointment. Yet the major institutions & traditions on the market have been shaped as much by what is vicious in us as by what is beautiful. As such, many of us who are striving for spiritual community as well as social justice find ourselves alienated from institutional religion. I hope to share my thoughts and experiences on trying to cultivate liberatory and inclusive spiritual culture in my own community.

-Jeffrey M. Boudon, World Languages Teacher and Organizer, teaches high school Latin and German in the Cleveland, organizes with Cleveland DSA and has been devoting himself in the past few years to cultivating healthy leftist spiritual community in Cleveland.

The Changing Face of the Middle East and the Future of Anti-War and Anti-Imperialist Movements

Presented by Isaac Paul Miller, Democratic Socialists of America

The Iraq War and the wave of revolutions that shook the Arab World beginning in late 2010 transformed the regional politics of the Middle East and reshaped the landscape in which imperial powers like the United States operate. Yet often it seems that we as anti-war activists live in a time warp, unable to adequately respond to changing circumstances. Isaac Paul Miller explores the changes that have racked the region over the last few years, focusing on Syria and Yemen, and argues for a new approach to how anti-imperialists and anti-war activists relate themselves to the Middle East and the world.

-Isaac Paul Miller, Chair of the DSA (Democratic Socialists of America) Cleveland Education Committee, is a long time activist in the Cleveland area. He studied Arabic at the Qasid Institute in Amman, Jordan, and holds a Masters Degree in Middle East Studies from the American University in Cairo. He lived in Cairo, Egypt, from 2012 to 2015.

The Role of Students and Universities in the Solution to High Drug Prices

Presented by Gloria Tavera, Universities Allied for Essential Medicines

Millions of people in the U.S. and abroad lack access to essential, life saving medicines. Drug prices remain a large barrier, globally. Many of these medicines are and continue to be developed in university labs, with public funding. Students and universities are uniquely positioned to leverage key changes to the pharmaceutical research and development pipeline. In this session, learn how to leverage your voice to improve public health outcomes for all.

-Gloria is an MD/PhD candidate at Case Western Reserve University, and was recognized for her work with Universities Allied for Essential Medicines (UAEM) by Forbes 30 Under 30 Healthcare in 2017. UAEM is a global group of university students and academics organizing to ensure that publicly funded medicines and medical innovations are affordable and accessible to the public. Gloria's research is in infectious disease genetics and immunology, particularly H. pylori bacterial genes associated with development of stomach cancer. She graduated from the University of Florida and conducted research in dengue, in Mexico, as a Fulbright scholar. She completed a research internship at the NIH studying malaria drug resistance.

Teaching Nonviolence through North Korea

Presented by Merosé Hwang, Ph. D, Hiram College

Today, the demand to learn about North Korea is at an all-time high. But to teach on this topic is a challenge when ideas of North Korean threat and violence dominate our popular imagination. I propose to study North Korea through five steps of critical historical pedagogy. Learning about nonviolence in this way will help students pursue peace-making practices, build bridges, impact social and political change.

-Merosé Hwang is an Assistant Professor of History and the Program Coordinator for the Asian Studies Minor at Hiram College. She's held academic positions as a Research Fellow at the Institute for Korean Studies, Yonsei University and a Visiting Scholar at the Institute for the Study of Religion, Sogang University, Seoul, South Korea. In her non-academic life, she was once the Director of the Center for Women and Trans People and Office Manager for the Ontario Network for Prevention of Elder Abuse in Toronto, Canada.

Coming Up at the Social Justice Institute

Visit the Social Justice Institute website at case.edu/socialjustice/ for details on upcoming events and to register. All programs are open to the community!

Tuesday, February 13 - 11:30 am—Forced Labor and Maritime Art: Finding Slaves in Seventeenth-Century France

Historian Gillian Weiss explores the role of forced labor in maritime art produced and displayed in seventeenth-century France. Her talk will consider how revealing the historical presence of Muslims and the persistence of slavery reverberates in current debates about Islam, immigration, integration and citizenship.

Tuesday, February 20 - 5:30 pm—What Makes Migrants Sick and Why Should We Care?

Sarah S. Willen, Associate Professor of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut and Director of the Research Program on Global Health & Human Rights at the [Human Rights Institute at UConn](#), will discuss the health consequences of migrant illegality and the challenges involved in activist mobilization on behalf of unauthorized migrants' health and social welfare needs.

Learn too how the migrant workers and immigrants in the greater Cleveland area are impacted by health care policies and advocacy efforts, with remarks from Sana Loue (CWRU School of Medicine Vice-Dean of Faculty Development and Diversity, Professor of International Health). A question-and-answer session will follow, along with a conversation about how we can serve as advocates for change.

Tuesday, March 20 – 11:30 am—Connecting the Dots: CWRU Campus Activism in the 1960s

Campus activism was vibrant before and after the CWRU merger. Based on archival research, this talk will describe campus activism from 1965-1972, identifying student groups and events, and connecting them to regional and national issues.

Wednesday, February 21 – 12pm —Confronting Structural Racism in Medicine - What is my Role?

Why is it urgent to confront structural racism? How does it contribute to health inequities? How can clinicians, attorneys, and other professionals increase their awareness of structural racism and its effects – and how can we sharpen our ability to counter it? Join representatives from the Health Improvement Partnership-Cuyahoga (HIP-Cuyahoga) initiative as well as ARCHES, the AmeRicans' Conceptions of Health Equity Study, for an interactive discussion about concrete solutions ways to take action.

Wednesday, March 21 – 6pm —Case Western Reserve University Screening with Virginia Espino

"They came to have their babies. They went home sterilized. So begins the incredibly moving tales of the women chronicled in *No Más Bebés* (No More Babies), a heartbreaking documentary film based on the research of Latinx historian Virginia Espino. This is the story of Mexican immigrant mothers who sued Los Angeles county doctors, the state and the federal government after they were sterilized while giving birth in the 1970s. Led by an intrepid young Chicana lawyer, the mothers faced public exposure and stood up to powerful institutions in the name of justice. A discussion with Espino will follow the film. Light refreshments provided."



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“It is our duty to fight for our freedom.

It is our duty to win.

We must love each other and support each other.

We have nothing to lose but our chains.”

- Assata Shakur

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Many thanks to our high school, college, graduate and post-graduate interns! We love having you and your dedication, commitment and energy. Good luck with your future plans!

Interested in becoming an IRTF Intern?

Email Chrissy@IRTFcleveland.org for more information

IRTF hosts volunteer interns* from high schools, colleges, and graduate school programs for the spring, summer and fall semesters. Students are encouraged to arrange course credit with their instructors at school. Spanish language proficiency is not required. IRTF offers a flexible schedule according to interns' needs and academic requirements. Interns can choose their program focus: demilitarization, environmental human rights, exploited labor solidarity, fair trade, LGBT solidarity, indigenous and Afro-descendant solidarity. Alternatively, interns can work on marketing, public relations, event planning, development (fundraising), or other special projects. Internships range 2-15 weeks, 4-40 hours per week.

Notes and Doodles

Coming Up at IRTF

Sunday, February 11: Breakfast Taco Brunch (11am-1pm, \$10 suggested), followed by
Report-Back on Emergency Delegation to Honduras (1-2pm, free-will offering)

Join IRTF in its celebration of human rights by supporting our election observation delegation to El Salvador. Also, hear from our friend Mary Anne Perrone of the Latin America Solidarity Committee of Ann Arbor, MI, who recently returned from an emergency delegation to Honduras due to the post-election crisis.

The Storefront, 4241 Lorain Ave. Cleveland, OH 44113

Thursday, March 8, 7:30pm-9:30pm: Farmworker Panel and Screening of Dolores

Dolores Huerta is among the most important, yet least known, activists in US history. An equal partner in co-founding the first farm workers unions with Cesar Chávez, her enormous contributions have gone largely unrecognized. Dolores tirelessly led the fight for racial and labor justice alongside Chávez, becoming one of the most defiant feminists of the twentieth century. The film reveals the raw, personal stakes involved in committing one's life to social change. Directed by Peter Bratt.

Capitol Theater. Tickets can be purchased at womensfilm.eventbrite.com for \$0-9

Sunday, March 11 - Thursday, March 15: IRTF joins CIW Fast for Fair Food - NYC

Join us as we travel to Wendy's CEO offices in NYC to call on Wendy's to join the CIW's award-winning Fair Food Program, but it doesn't stop there. This is also envisioned as part of a broader call for a nationwide mobilization to protect the fundamental human rights of all vulnerable people in today's increasingly uncertain and daunting national climate.

IRTF will be carpooling from Cleveland. Email Chrissy@irtfcleveland.org.

April 4-15: Cleveland International Film Festival

IRTF partners with Cleveland International Film Festival (CIFF). Keep an eye out on social media and come see the film we will be sponsoring at a discounted price.

Discount: IRTF #CIFF42

April 15-17: Be on the LOOKOUT for info about a tax day rally.

April 20-23: A World Uprooted—Responding to Migrants, Refugees, & Displaced Peoples - Washington, DC

Join IRTF and hundreds of others in our nation's capital to advocate for global justice and peace. We will participate in Ecumenical Advocacy Days. EAD is a powerful conference filled with music, speakers, workshops, prayer and culminates in congressional visits. Join IRTF visits on Capitol Hill to Ohio's congresspersons and US senators.

Scholarship applications are due by March 1. For more info, email Marc@irtfcleveland.org.

May 1: Be on the LOOKOUT for info about a May Day International Labor Rally.

Saturday, May 12, 7:30pm-12am: IRTF's Latin Dance Gala - Cleveland, OH

Join IRTF in its celebration of human rights and the rhythms of Latin America. Enjoy a free dance lesson and performances. There will also be raffles, a cash bar, fair trade jewelry and chocolate sales and plenty of dancing.

Location to be announced. Info and tickets available at 2018dance.eventbrite.com

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Age: 27 years old
Cleveland, Ohio
Status: Killed on December 2, 1980

Jean Donovan, a graduate of the CWRU Weatherhead School of Management, left a prestigious job at the accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP to join the El Salvador Mission Team of the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. Jean, an outgoing, strong willed and compassionate young woman, came from an affluent, politically conservative family in Connecticut. But she left all that behind because she felt that God was calling her to something more. In El Salvador she worked with Sister Dorothy Kazel (former teacher at Beaumont School) distributing food alongside the poor and the refugees and carrying out family education programs. After the assassination of Archbishop Oscar Romero in March 1980, attacks against church workers increased. Jean knew that siding with the poor might put her life in jeopardy.

On December 2, 1980, five Salvadoran National Guardsmen (who had been trained by the US Army at the infamous School of the Americas/SOA) brutally raped and killed Jean, Sr. Dorothy and two Maryknoll Sisters (Ira Ford, Maura Clarke).

Two weeks before she was murdered, Jean wrote to a friend in Connecticut: "Several times I have decided to leave El Salvador. I almost could except for the children, the poor bruised victims of this insanity. Who would care for them? Whose heart would be so staunch as to favor the reasonable thing in a sea of their tears and helplessness. Not mine, dear friend, not mine."



The School of the Americas (SOA) is a combat training school for Latin American soldiers, located at Fort Benning, two hours south of Atlanta, GA. In 2001 the school was renamed the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC).

LIVING OUT JEAN'S LEGACY

Since 1997, IRTF has led annual delegations to rally and demand the closure of the infamous School of the Americas (SOA) and the end of US militarized policies in Latin America.

Our most recent delegations include:

- November: IRTF staff/volunteers went to Arizona for the SOA Watch US-Mexico Binational Border Convergence, which raised awareness around the militarization of the border and US policy in Latin America, as well as the criminalization of migrants, asylum seekers, and people of color.
- January: IRTF joined Witness Against Torture for the Annual Fast For Justice, a 9-day witness calling for the closure of Guantánamo, an end to indefinite detention, and the end of torture.
- February: IRTF staff/volunteers will serve on an election observer team in El Salvador.
- April: IRTF staff/volunteers will travel to Capitol Hill in Washington, DC, to stand with migrants and refugees, and to call for an end to the militarization of US policy in Latin America and militarized immigration enforcement.

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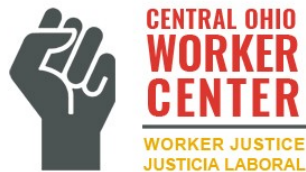
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