

REDLINING AND THE MANY EFFECTS OF SLAVERY: Are You Willing to Act to Heal This Moral Injury?

By David Ragland

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Recent headlines reinforce how little progress has been made in terms of economic justice for African Americans. An exhaustive report by the Center for Investigative Journalism examined current redlining practices that fuel gentrification. Combing through over 31 million mortgages, investigators found that bankers regularly sidestep the Fair Housing Act. They are more likely to provide loans to whites than to black and brown people. Ta-Nehisi Coates’ influential 2014 article in *The Atlantic*, “How to Steal Things, Exploit People, and Avoid all Responsibility,” immediately comes to mind. In it he recounted the redlining and predatory lending of banks and the scummy practices of landlords toward black tenants immediately after the end of the formal Jim Crow era. Little or nothing has changed.

Considering the countless stories of bias, I question what exactly is needed to reverse or at least halt the economic devastation of communities, a devastation that often stops temporarily in one locale and then morphs into something worse. We need more than tears over injustice that sees middle class



The Hermitage Plantation, Slave quarters, Savannah, Georgia, about 1907.
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majority communities permitted to succeed while poor communities are engineered to fail. We need white accountability. What costs are white people willing to bear to heal this moral injury?

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sion in South Africa, however problematic, was a hard reset for that nation to begin grappling with the effects of its apartheid system under white minority rule. The Nuremberg Tribunal after World War II addressed the Jewish Holocaust. At that time, the U.S. and its allies required nations

like Germany and Japan to create new constitutions including provisions on peace and human dignity, as well as education in those principles to insure their implementation. The U.S. has done nothing similar for itself. Our continuing American state of denial has brought us to constant war both abroad and at home. War abroad is perpetuated by exorbitant military spending. War at home is maintained by excessive policing budgets, racist immigration policies, and neo-Jim Crow era policies that allow banks to skirt the law. All this undermines fairness and human decency. A hard reset is needed. What actions might generate accountability for the unearned privileges in immigration policy, bank policy, and policing that the (current) white majority of Americans receive?

Calls for reparations for the slavery of African Americans continue to grow. In 2016 a U.N. panel’s study, emerging from the United Nations Decade on People of African Descent, found that reparations are indeed owed to African Americans. The University of Pennsylvania Law School recently hosted a conference on reparations, and New York University’s Institute for Public Knowledge has a series of ongoing conversations around the subject.

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BDS COALITION IN LOUISVILLE

By Matt Bewley

I have a proposition for the readers of FORsooth.

It is time to rally together to form a locally organized movement to campaign for the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) of Israel. Let’s do it, right here in the Louisville area. A city-wide organization focused on Palestinian human rights and BDS is needed urgently. I also believe the conditions have finally materialized to make this a possibility.

Local Louisville Palestinian-rights groups—at times forming a loose, coordi-

nated coalition of groups and individuals—have long performed good work organizing educational events, cultural displays, demonstrations and direct appeals to politicians. This history goes way back, and I am sure that we are always building on the great efforts of past local justice-seekers and peace-lovers.

However, let us come together as a larger, secular coalition to focus on BDS actions and to continue to support other local activism for Palestinian human rights. As of yet, the groups and individuals who support Palestinian human rights have been fragmented, too often, into groups by creed or

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At a South Florida BDS event in February, three people stand with Angela Davis’ book “Freedom is a Constant Struggle.” In this book, Davis talks about her support for BDS. The event celebrated Angela Davis’ activism and educated folks on Black-Palestinian solidarity. Photo by Matt Bewley

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ON THE ORIGIN OF DENIAL: AMERICA’S TURBULENT RELATIONSHIP WITH DARWINIAN EVOLUTION (PART 3)

By Adam Khayat

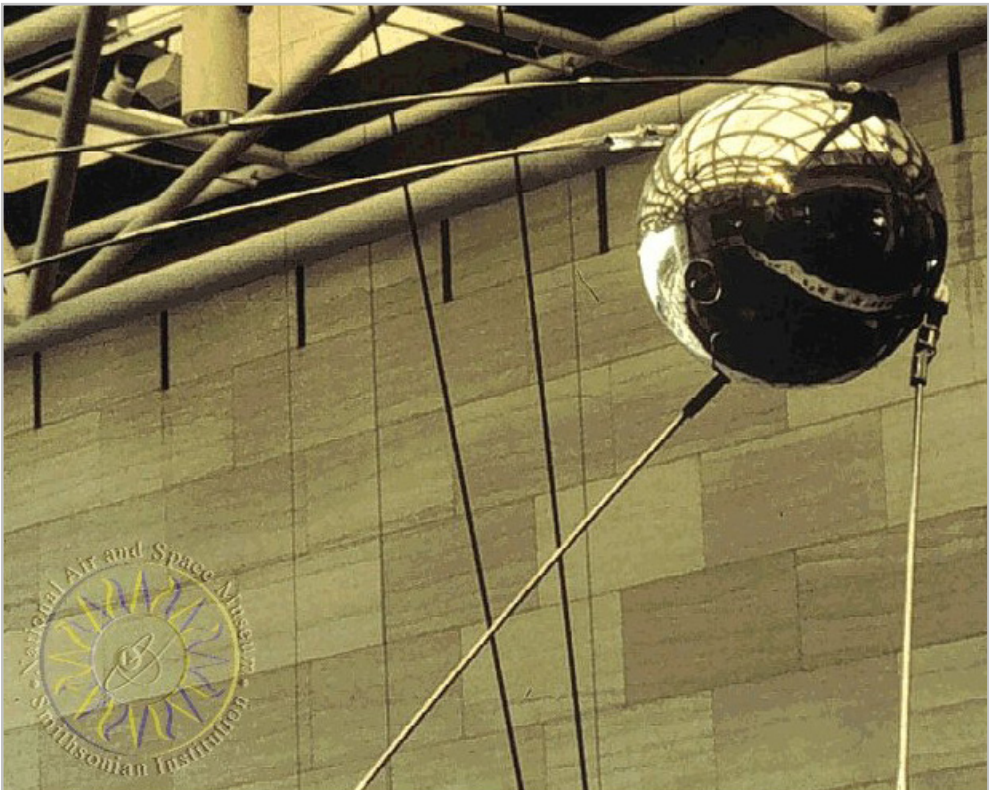
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Ironically, this national pattern of systematically obscuring and removing the notion of evolution from the public education was not successfully challenged and mitigated by genuine and authentic evidence provided by proponents of Darwinism; rather, this change was attributed to an entirely different stimulus: competition with the Soviet Union in the Cold War. Concerned by the launch of Sputnik I and the inadequate technological and scientific abilities of the United States, President Dwight Eisenhower requested the National Defense Education act of 1958, which ultimately led to the creation of the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS) by the National Science Foundation (NSF). Tasked with the publication of impeccable biology textbooks, the BSCS adopted an approach that stressed evolution as the unifying theme of biology and placed strong emphasis on the importance and evidence of evolution (Moore, 2000). Not surprisingly, the BSCS were viciously attacked by opponents. Nonetheless, due to endorsement by the federal government, legal precedents inhibiting religious influences in public education, and a growing interest in public education, the BSCS books had become adopted by almost half of American high schools by 1970. In pursuit, other textbook publishers began reinstating evolution in their textbooks. Moreover, landmark legal cases – such as the US Supreme Court case *Epperson vs. Arkansas* – stressed the illegality of banning the teaching of evolution in public schools. In response, creationists implemented new tactics that typified a different method: advocating that equal time be given to the Biblical version of creation. Tennessee’s 1973 “Genesis Bill” is an emblematic example of this; nonetheless, the bill was declared unconstitutional in 1975 by Tennessee’s Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals (*Daniel vs. Waters*). Similar bills had the same fate.

In the late 1970s, creationists began publishing creation-based biology textbooks. For example, Henry Morris’ *Scientific Creationism* refurbished creationism as a legitimate science; in it, he argued that the creationist model could be verified without reference to Biblical texts. The trend initiated by the BSCS began to be reversed; continuous opposition by creationists began to influence publishing companies once again (Pierce, 1981). Consequently, creationism became an official part of science curriculums in several states in the 1980s (Gorman, 1980).

In the modern day, most biology teachers highlight the importance of evolution in their respective curriculums. However, the impact of creationism on the public perception of evolution can be easily identified; politicians of the right continue to endorse creationism and campaign for the epistemo-

logical reduction of evolution in education (Moore, 2001). The residual effects of these actions are best shown by the results of a recent survey of 33 European countries, the United States, and Japan that asked whether individuals agreed with, disagreed with, or were unsure of the statement, “Human beings, as we know them today, developed from an earlier species of animals.” Accordingly, Americans ranked next to lowest: 40% agreement, 39% disagreement, and 21% uncertainty (Miller, 2006). Other developed nations reported more than 70% agreement.



Sputnik 1 mockup at National Air and Space Museum, USA. Wikimedia Commons.

A recent Gallup Poll further reinforced this data: 40% of Americans believe that an omnipotent deity created humans in the last 10,000 years, 38% believe in a God-facilitated and -directed theistic evolution, and 16% believe in non-theistic evolution (Gallup, 2011a). Thus, the question much be asked: what psychosocial framework could explain this particular actuality in the United States?

II

The core of the opposition to acceptance of evolution in modern America can be attributed to deep-rooted religiosity. Indeed, the theory of evolution does not only contravene the Biblical account of creation, but also reorganizes conceptions of human morality and meaning. A recent survey of 15 developed nations found that America harbored the largest proportion of people who believe in an omnipotent deity with utmost certainty – at 63% (Paul, 2009). Nonetheless, though more than 90% of Americans believe in God, only 31% believe in a literal translation of the Bible (Gallup, 2011b-c). Furthermore, 60% of Americans unaffiliated with any religion believe in non-theistic natural evolution, 15% in theistic evolution, and 11% in life as having existed in its present form from the beginning of time (Masci, 2009). Though correlation does not imply causation, it is an axiomatic truism that there exists a negative relationship between religiosity and acceptance of evolution.

This aversion is due to the very public portrayal of science being incompatible with faith. Though only 6% of the American public deem themselves as atheists or agnostics, 64% of scientists at prestigious American institutions claim that label (Ecklund, 2010). This discrepancy reveals a large chasm between science and faith that is reflected in society. Also, this incompatibility is widespread in American public

thought; fifty-five percent of the general public believe that there exists a conflict between religion and science, whereas 38% do not and 7% “don’t know” (Masci 2009). It can be inferred that the primary reason for this incongruity revolves around perceptions of evolution. Nevertheless, conflict between science and religion also exists beyond the confines of evolution. Data from the National Opinion Research center indicated that religiosity was strongly associated with lower science literacy (Sherkat, 2011). Moreover, it must be noted that most Americans are theologically illiterate. A 2010 survey conducted by the Pew Research Center found that large number of Americans are uneducated in the principles, beliefs, practices, and history of their respective faith traditions (Pew, 2010). Thus, it can be deduced that general ignorance of both science and religion plays an integral role in general American avoidance of accepting evolution.

III

One solution to this tension between science and religion that is widely circulated is accommodationism: the practice of convincing those who are religious that science and evolution do not pose a threat to faith. This explanation is dependent on the notion that religion and science are disjoint areas that answer different questions about the world. This is strongly echoed by the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS). Moreover, scientists such as Stephen Jay Gould have attempted to develop an outlook that incorporates both science and religion; in his book, *Rocks of Ages: Science and Religion in the Fullness of Life*, he makes the case for the combination of both realms of human thought. Contrarily, the Society for the Study of Evolution pursues a model – for how to promote evolution in education and public discourse – that relies on scientific means alone. Their argumentation is predicated upon the observation that there exists a limited number of studies that suggest the effectiveness of an accommodationist method. Indeed, this appears to be one of the major setbacks for this approach. Additionally, to combine both requires peculiar interpretations of both “religion” and “science” that superficially do not contradict each other (Orr, 1999). Nonetheless, there are merits to this approach in that it facilitates discussion between the two sides.

Ultimately, the most efficacious solution to the severe misconceptions regarding

evolution lies in improving how evolution is taught. A multitude of studies have suggested that replacing lecture-based pedagogy with active learning systems catalyzes a shift that augments student understanding of the material (Frasier and Roderick, 2011). This requires the collective organization and cohesion of the scientific community in maintaining a systematic and holistic approach to teaching evolution. The 2011 Thinking Evolutionarily Convocation is a prime example of communal effort; in it, critical issues in the correct instruction of evolution – along with resource and professional development and communications and dissemination strategies – were discussed (Wei, Beardsley, and Labov, 2012). This congregation also offered a mechanism for networking and consolidating around the issue of improving evolution education. The main impetus for the meeting was to develop teaching techniques that would integrate evolutionary biology into all life science fields.

Certainly, as the prominent Russian-American geneticist once claimed, biology does not make sense except in “the light of evolution.” In order to effectively promote the acceptance of evolution in American public discourse, a comprehensive and methodical educational system must be installed for future generations. Only then will the origin of this culture of denial be remedied of its illogicality.



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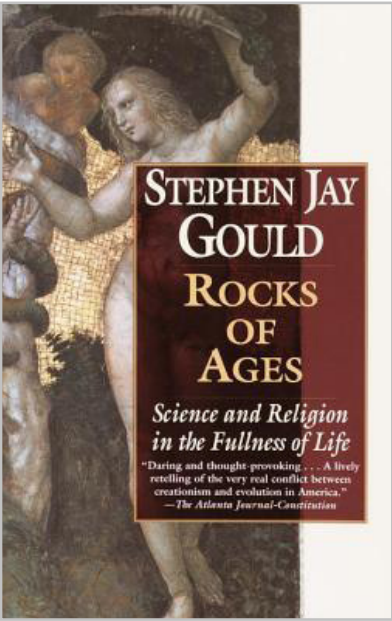
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BEYOND THE WALL

By Gracie Lewis

On Tuesday, February 5, 2019, President Donald Trump gave his second State of the Union Address. Trump continued to make immigration his top priority. President Trump should move beyond the “Wall” because he is never going to get it, despite threats of another “government shutdown.” The real underlying reason why he is so fixated about this wall is Trump’s desire to control Congress, which is an abuse of power. There is a “separation of powers” and it is clearly defined in the US. Constitution. There are three branches of government – the Executive Branch, the Legislative Branch, and the Judicial Branch.

Since the Democrats took control of the House of Representatives, Trump has done everything he could to undermine their leadership. If he was concerned about the security and wellbeing of America, he would never had held the American people hostage, shut the government down, and stopped paying the 800,000 federal workers. According to the House Budget Committee, the shutdown cost the American taxpayer \$11 billion in lost revenue and wages.

The U.S. government was shut down for 35 days. Trump shut it down because of this wall. There is no crisis at the border; the drugs are coming in through legal ports of entry and intelligence officials have repeatedly tried to brief him. According to the Administration’s own data, illegal border crossings at the Southern border is at a 40-year low.

Nine federal departments (and some smaller agencies like NASA) was affected by the lapse in funding: Agriculture, Commerce, Justice, Homeland Security, Housing and Urban Development, Interior, State, Transportation, and the Treasury. Approximately 800,000 federal workers were furloughed or being required to work without pay. The shutdown posed a national security threat. Where was Trump’s proclamation of a national emergency?

Many of the workers who were considered essential had to work without pay – TSA employees, who are among the lowest paid federal works; air traffic controllers also were affected, causing a security risk for anyone who had to fly anywhere. FBI agents were not being paid. Food inspectors were furloughed. That put our food supply at risk. While he was calling for unity when he made his State of the Union Address, he failed to mention that SNAP (food stamps) recipients would only be getting their stamps through February. Oil and gas drilling businesses were affected during the shutdown because much of the drilling is on federal lands and operators

worried about a slowdown.

Trump during his State of the Union Address spoke about sending more troops to the U.S. Southern border, where border patrol agents and the Coast Guard were not being paid. Immigration courts and law enforcement personnel were not being paid forcing more of a backlog in cases. So where is the unity and the welfare of the country, with respect to the “wall?” During the government shutdown, the museums and institutions that make up the Smithsonian were all closed. Children were still being separated from their parents and is still unaccounted for.

President Donald Trump stated in his State of the Union address that the only way progress can be made is to stop the wars and the investigations of him and “All the President’s Men.” The voters in November made it clear that they wanted to hold the Executive Branch – the White House – accountable, and oversight hearings will be conducted despite the threats. Oversight investigations and hearings is the natural order of Capitol Hill. When the Republicans was in control, Donald Trump dismantled all aspects of democracy and justice. The GOP did not hold legislative nor budgetary hearings on crucial issues, especially on the issue of the “Wall”. What the Democrats now must do is to reclaim democracy and justice.

Stacey Abrams – Georgia Democrat – provided a much needed response. This country needs Nancy Pelosi and the newly elected representatives to move America forward. Immigrants have been a part of this country since the beginning. We are all just one race – the human race. Trump now is trying is trying to create a national emergency to get what he wants. I am in total agreement with the democrats supporting lawsuits and other actions challenging the President’s national emergency proclamation and forcing the administration to set forth the legal and factual basis for it. Trump’s actions are a violation of Article I, Section 9 of the Constitution. It is Congress that has the power of the purse, not the President.



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into organizations that are not fully focused on BDS. Now is the time to change this.

For the last 15 years, BDS has been a growing, Palestinian-led, non-violent, civil-society movement to pressure Israel to end its occupation of the West Bank and Gaza and to grant the Palestinians equal rights in their homeland, including the right of Palestinian refugees to return to Israel-Palestine. Palestinian human rights have long been ignored in our country, and the US plays an outsized role in enabling Israel to maintain its system of apartheid in Israel-Palestine. Having BDS activities take place in the United States improves the movement’s broader effectiveness.

And, as we are seeing in state capitals around the country, local BDS groups are needed to combat threats to free speech posed by anti-BDS legislation. Many states are proposing, and often passing, unconstitutional laws that disallow state governments from contracting with companies, and even individuals, who support BDS publicly. This threat to our freedom of speech requires immediate resistance. Locally, Jewish Voice for Peace has been fighting the Kentucky and the federal versions of these bills. A unified local group would likely be even more effective in fighting them.

BDS movements in the United States are experiencing varying levels of success. European groups have been more successful. Major companies across the Atlantic such as Veolia, HSBC, and Orange have succumbed to pressure from BDS activists. There is a level of activity there that generally surpasses ours.

However, local American BDS efforts have been more successful when they join forces with activists who rail against the US government’s treatment of immigrants and minorities. For example, in Durham, NC, local activists affiliated with the Deadly Exchange Campaign were able to convince the city council to prohibit the city from conducting police training exchanges with Israel. This type of action has an intersectional angle, with the opportunity of working side by side with activists for police reform.

Young people, and specifically young people in Louisville, are supporting Palestinian human rights more than ever before. Progressive groups like Democratic Socialists of America, Dream Defenders, the

Movement for Black Lives, and also the Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR) all openly endorse BDS. Contributing to its legitimacy is the continuing growth in the number of BDS supporters in the Democratic Party, including two new representatives in Congress.

Starting a local BDS campaign can be a large task in a place like Louisville, or in almost any place in the United States for that matter, but it can be accomplished.

For the last four years, I have lived between Louisville and South Florida, which includes Miami and Ft. Lauderdale. South Florida pro-Palestinian human rights activists have been gathering support since December 2018 for a local BDS coalition, attracting activists from area organizations such as Al-Awda - The Right of Return Coalition, Friends of Sabeel, Jewish Voice for Peace, the Democratic Socialists of America, Dream Defenders of Miami, the International Socialist Organization, and the Green Party. We’ve been seeing an unprecedented level of support from the community to continue moving forward with a BDS campaign.

The South Florida BDS Coalition, as we now call it, just had our first action in

February, titled “Freedom is a Constant Struggle” (which is also the title of a book by Angela Davis). Davis supports BDS and was recently in the national news due to her BDS support. Almost 60 people were in attendance. We focused on the legacy of black internationalism, on global solidarity movements that helped end apartheid in South Africa, and on the importance of continuing these legacies with the current BDS movement in solidarity with Palestine.

Some things that have helped build the coalition are: making a habit of meeting and talking consistently, creating a mission statement and including everyone by promoting safe spaces and a sense of egalitarianism. The leadership committee is large and diverse. We socialize and make efforts to form strong interpersonal bonds to cultivate the coalition’s longer-term viability. Group members have frequent chances to have their voices heard through email, video conference calls, group texting, open-edit google documents, and moderated, well-apportioned speaking time at meetings. We hold monthly meetings where 30 or more have attended.

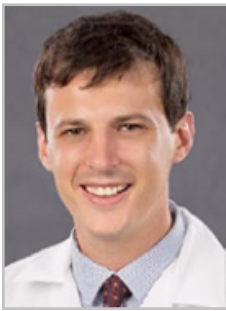
We plan to start a BDS action, approaching small ethnic markets and other small stores that sell Israeli products, educating our small businesses about BDS. Along with that, we hope to formulate a plan for a

rally or vigil for the anniversary of the Great March of Return on March 30th.

We are really happy to see the exciting work that has started in South Florida, especially since Miami is a difficult environment for Palestinian-rights organizing.

Louisville activists can form a “Louisville BDS Coalition”. I will be there to help, will you?

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Some of the group that met for the first official South Florida BDS Coalition meeting in January. There were about 30 people total at that meeting, as some chose not to be photographed. Photo by Matt Bewley

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The traditional approach is legal. Nations like Jamaica and Namibia have demanded reparations for Britain’s and Germany’s role in slavery and colonialism, and black lawmakers in the United States (John Conyers, John Muhammad, and Marlon Kimpson) have introduced calls for studies and legislation. A different grassroots approach is exemplified by groups who are taking reparations into their own hands. Soul Fire Farm works to challenge racism in the food supply chain, while Southern Reparations Loan Fund supports startups that provide services to black communities in the South. Similarly, through a continuous struggle, a group of activists in Chicago was able to get financial reparations for victims of torture by the Chicago Police.

Most of us think of reparations as a direct transfer of money from the government. The most recent calculations of what is owed to black people for slavery, colonialism, and their effects, according to Newsweek, is in the trillions. However, many of the groups working against white resistance to monetary reparations have found that there are other options, moral options that require us to look deeply at our shared history. Let’s consider what the effects of this legacy are.

A brief history of an enormous moral injury

Slavery and colonialism, which provided the capital in capitalism, framed and created the economic structure of the early U.S. economy and the industry of Western Europe that made these places the economic powerhouses they are today. Meanwhile, according to acclaimed legal scholar Derrick Bell, the depraved state of slaves in the U.S. shaped the idea of white identity, making even very poor whites believe themselves superior to blacks. As a result, black people have historically been used to bring poor whites to the side of wealthy white elites.

The notorious 1917 race riots in East St. Louis were started by white workers, returning from World War I, who blamed blacks for the low wages and loss of jobs they discovered when they got home. In a recent *Yes! Magazine* article, my colleagues and I described how:

“...over 7,000 Black people fled for their lives and between 200 and 500 were murdered by angry White gangs unhindered by authorities. The roots of this travesty are familiar; the elite

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July 3 rd	Caroline	"	350 00	July 28 th	Caroline	"	367 50
July 10 th	Eliza	"	500 00	Nov 9 th	Eliza	"	635 00
July 17 th	Jesse	"	485 00	Nov 16 th	Jesse	"	775 00
July 17 th	Harriett	"	450 00	Nov 16 th	Harriett	"	750 00
July 19 th	Salena	"	460 00	Nov 22 nd	Salena	"	650 00
July 23 rd	Stanford	"	550 00	Dec 1 st	Stanford	"	825 00
July 23 rd	Lawson	"	375 00	Nov 29 th	Lawson	"	625 00
Aug 14 th	Lucy & child	"	525 00	Nov 22 nd	Lucy & child	"	725 00
Aug 21 st	Mattilda	"	475 00	Nov 10 th	Mattilda	"	600 00
Aug 22 nd	Adeline	"	385 00	Nov 24 th	Adeline	"	525 00
Aug 22 nd	Caney	"	525 00	Nov 26 th	Caney	"	725 00
Aug 22 nd	Harriett	"	475 00	Nov 5 th	Harriett	"	600 00
Aug 25 th	Caroline	"	350 00	Nov 5 th	Caroline	"	450 00
Aug 25 th	Rachel	"	650 00	May 20 th	Rachel	"	980 00
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Pages from the slave trade ledger of William James Smith, 1849, meticulously detailing the prices paid and received for African-American slaves, as well as the expenses incurred by Smith in undertaking this business. Photo courtesy of The Littlejohn Collection at Wofford College (flickr.com).

used working-class White frustration to deflect their unwillingness to provide fair-labor environments, and Blacks and other people of color become targets.”

The elite factory owners of course never spoke up to say, “No, it was us, we hired those Blacks because we wanted to drive down wages!”

Similarly today, Black folks (and other people of color) have repeatedly been used to stoke the fire of public fear and keep poor working whites voting for candidates and choosing public policies that are not in their interests. Ian Haney Lopez’s book *Dog Whistle Politics* describes how it works in detail. From this point of view, slavery, and all other forms of genocide, has all along been part of the pacification of white immigrants to North America.

The list of these moves is so long. They include farm subsidies (which Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. described as having their roots in the westward expansion, the Trail of Tears making way for white settlers despite a U.S. Supreme Court decision to the contrary); convict leasing (which provided free labor to white businesses after slavery); the rising prison population housed in rural facilities (employing entire white towns); and current waves of gentrification in

cities like Detroit, St. Louis, Los Angeles, and New York that still face redlining and unchecked predatory loan practices.

To speak about reparations today, then, requires us to think about a deep and continuing moral harm. This harm began with the theft of people from their homelands in Africa followed by forced labor, rape, abuse, forced reproduction, experiments on black bodies, theft of ideas and inventions. Even after slavery was officially abolished, it essentially continued in the form of forced work, convict leasing, continued rape, race-based assaults and lynchings under the Jim Crow system. Likewise, after the formal end of Jim Crow, we see the continuation of segregation practices and policies in police killings of black people with no accountability; unequal education; murder and imprisonment of black activists and leaders; placing drugs in black communities followed by a “war on drugs” that translated into war on black people and their communities.

The worst thing about the list of injustices I’ve just shared is that I can’t name them all, because we continue to learn the extent of the legacy of violence against African Americans. And Black people in the U.S. aren’t the only ones affected by this legacy. There are so many other groups who have experienced the same kind of violence—for example, Latinos and Native Americans: basically, anyone non-white.

As if this weren’t bad enough, each generation of those experiencing violence learns from the previous one and inherits intergenerational trauma. This trauma is more than just a succession of horrifying stories. According to Dr. Joyce Degruw, the embodied stress of being black in this country affects us at the cellular level. In addition, the perpetration of unrelenting violence on a group of people had to be justified with racial pseudo-science championed by religion, by the social sciences, by the humanities, and by academic institutions that still exist and profit from their foundations in racism to this day. What makes this history so sad is that many still believe much of this pack of lies that was peddled to white and non-white folk alike.

And this is the very definition of moral injury: after each wrong, the injustice of silencing. Over generations, such silence deeply impacts people’s perception of themselves and their life possibilities. The trauma is systematic and ongoing. That there are

still movements, people speaking out and successfully navigating systems of oppression, is a testament to resilience and agency. Yet it is not enough. And a president who uses racist insults, threats, and the encouragement of violence to get elected is only a logical result of the “unbegun” business of racial reconciliation.

Can we ever truly heal the racial divide between Black (non-White) and White people? Yes, we can.

I think.

Present material conditions, redlining, and gentrification

The solutions required must emerge from and be shaped by a grassroots approach. They must be informed by an awareness of the legacy of violent colonization, an understanding of the lived reality of what most Black folk experience, and a willingness of White folks and institutions to follow Black leadership in our struggles.

The Center for Investigative Journalism’s recent report on mortgages denied to Blacks and Latinos, cited above, examined over 31 million mortgage records in 61 metro areas. It points out how banks under Obama, and now under Trump, have used the Fair Housing Act to drive gentrification. What should have been a federally mandated program to help black people buy homes is now being used by most banks – Chase, Santander, Wells Fargo and the list goes on – to provide loans to Whites who in many cases have worse credit and very little cash to put down.

The Pro Publica report entitled “The Color of Debt” describes the likelihood of bill collectors to go after black people as opposed to similarly situated whites, and the focus of law enforcement on black communities instead of white communities that have more drug traffic and crime. And while the public is deeply engaged with addressing mass school shootings, we have to remember how the response to Columbine was “zero tolerance” policies that disproportionately impact urban schools that Black and Latino Students are likely to attend – even though these demographics are far less likely to experience the kind of violence toward which “zero tolerance” policies are supposedly directed. Instead, such policies contribute to the school-to-prison pipeline, since the higher proportion (see REDLINING, page 6)

Louisville FOR has an urgent need for a VOLUNTEER with BOOKKEEPING SKILLS.

If interested, contact CoChairs
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Do you have any ideas of how we can improve?
Is there something you like and want to see more of?

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Time	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Time					
12:00 AM	MUSIC	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Sustainability Now!	RetroForward	Black Agenda Radio ^	Critical Thinking for Everyone!	He Said, She Said	00:00					
12:30 AM								00:30					
1:00 AM	Rockabilly N Blues	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	Thom Hartmann Show	RFN Weekend (classic rock/EZ listening)	01:00					
1:30 AM	Radio Hour							01:30					
2:00 AM	The Sonic Café							02:00					
2:30 AM								02:30					
3:00 AM	Song of the Soul						What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	03:00					
3:30 AM								03:30					
4:00 AM	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	From The Vault	04:00					
4:30 AM													04:30
5:00 AM													05:00
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6:00 AM								Alternative Radio	Kite Line - Prison Issues	Le Show	Solutions to Violence	What's The Frequency, Kenneth?	Between The Lines
6:30 AM		Sprouts	with Harry Shearer			CounterSpin	Making Contact	06:30					
7:00 AM	Law & Disorder	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	From Classroom to Newsroom	Economic Update	Reach Out in the Darkness	Economic Update	Save Our Schools	07:00					
7:30 AM		Informativo Pacifica		Bench Talk		Sprouts	with Dear JCPS	07:30					
8:00 AM	Project Censored	Depth N Weight	Solutions to Violence	Sprouts *	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Spirit in Action	08:00					
8:30 AM				Informativo Pacifica *				08:30					
9:00 AM	Radio EcoShock	The Sonic Café	Urban Voices	Reach Out in the Darkness	Economic Update	The Sonic Café	Alternative Radio	09:00					
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10:00 AM	Spirit in Action	From Classroom to Newsroom	Sustainability Now!	Ethics Forward	Clearing The FOG	Black Agenda Radio	Brunch with Black Folks	10:00					
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11:00 AM	Ralph Nader Radio Hour	Le Show	Sea Change Radio	Black Agenda Radio	Access Hour	Critical Thinking for Everyone!		11:00					
11:30 AM		with Harry Shearer	Bench Talk					11:30					
12:00 PM	On The Edge w/K.A. Owens	Sea Change Radio	Radio EcoShock	Alternative Radio	This Way Out	He Said, She Said	Kite Line - Prison Issues	12:00					
12:30 PM	KY 120 Newscast	Citizens' Climate Radio			Making Contact		Sprouts	12:30					
1:00 PM	Between The Lines	Ralph Nader Radio Hour *	Law & Disorder	Project Censored	Informativo Pacifica	Access Hour	Urban Voices	13:00					
1:30 PM	CounterSpin				Between The Lines			13:30					
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3:00 PM	From Classroom to Newsroom	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Letters & Politics	Save Our Schools with Dear JCPS	He Said, She Said	15:00					
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4:00 PM	Kite Line - Prison Issues	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Democracy Now	Black Agenda Radio	16:00					
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5:00 PM	Song of the Soul	Solutions to Violence	Reach Out in the Darkness	Economic Update ^	Critical Thinking for Everyone!	KY 120 Newscast	Law & Disorder	17:00					
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		* Veterans For Peace Radio Hour airs monthly on the last Mon 1pm, Tue 7pm, and Wed 8am.											
		^ Body Justice airs monthly on the second Wed 5pm, Thu 12am, and Fri 6pm.											



Barbara Spencer Dunn, from the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, spoke to a crowded room at the Hotel Louisville on February 21, 2019, as part of the Third Thursday Lunch series sponsored by FOR and Sowers of Justice. Photo by Sarah Hong.

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APRIL 18

*Investigative Reporting:
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Kate Howard

Kate Howard will talk you through the time, investment and vetting it takes to make good investigative journalism -- and why it's more crucial now than ever. She'll share through the lens of a recent story about the disproportionate number of black youth locked up in Louisville's juvenile system.

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- AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL—Contact Sharon at 637-8951
- APPAF [American Palestine Public Affairs Forum]—www.appaf.org, 664-2761
- AUDUBON SOCIETY OF KENTUCKY—www.audubonsocietyofky.org
- BECKHAM BIRD CLUB—2nd Saturday, 7PM, www.beckhambirds.org
- BLACK LIVES MATTER—Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, chelm416@gmail.com
- BREAD FOR THE WORLD—Last Monday every other month, 239-4317
- CAPA [Citizens Against Police Abuse]—2nd Thursday, 778-8130. Meet at Braden Center, 3208 W. Broadway
- CART [Coalition for the Advancement of Regional Transportation]—3rd Wednesday, Union Station, TARC Board Room
- CEDAW [Convention for the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women]—2nd Tuesday, 6:30 PM, Bon Air Library, rosieblue1941@gmail.com
- CLOUT [Citizens of Louisville Organized and Working Together]—583-1267
- COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST—2nd Monday, 456-6586
- COMMON CAUSE—Ad hoc discussions. Continuous engagement. www.commoncause.org/ky
- COMMUNITY COALITION ON THE HEALTHY HOMETOWN—Every Monday, 5:30PM, 574-6209
- COMMUNITY FARM ALLIANCE OF KENTUCKY—(859)351-4508, cfaky.org
- COUNTER RECRUITMENT, “Aim Higher”—1st Sunday, 7PM, 899-4119
- EARTHSAVE POTLUCK —2nd Saturday, 6PM, 299-2520, www.LouisvilleEarthSave.org
- EVOLVE [Electric Vehicle Owners of Louisville]—Join us on facebook, stuartungar@icloud.com
- FAIRNESS CAMPAIGN—Quarterly community dialogues and volunteer opportunities, 893-0788
- FDR/LINCOLN LEGACY CLUB—1st Thursday, papajohn15@bellsouth.net
- FOR [Fellowship of Reconciliation]—2nd Thursday, at 7:30PM, Louisville Presbyterian Seminary, Nelson Hall, www.louisvilleFOR.org, 609-7985 or 899-4119
- 15 THOUSAND FARMERS—15th day each month, www.15thousandfarmers.com
- FOOD IN NEIGHBORHOODS COMMUNITY COALITION—2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, 819-2957
- FORWARD RADIO PROJECT – 296-1793, see page 5 for more info
- FRIENDS FOR HOPE—Support Group for Adult Cancer Survivors, 4th Wednesday, 6:30PM, 451-9600
- FRIENDSHIP FORCE OF LOUISVILLE—2nd Tuesday, 893-8436
- GREATER LOUISVILLE SIERRA CLUB—3rd Tuesday, 7PM, 644-0659
- GREEN CONVENE—2nd Tuesday, 6:30PM, www.greenconvene.org
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ADVOCACY BOARD—1st Monday, 9AM, 574-3631
- HUMAN RELATIONS COMMISSION ENFORCEMENT BOARD—1st Monday, 9:30AM, 574-3631
- HUMANISTS OF METRO LOUISVILLE—2nd Monday, 7PM, 896-4853
- INTERFAITH PATHS TO PEACE—3rd Wednesday, every other month, 214-7322
- IRFI [Islamic Research Foundation International]—Sundays at 6PM, 423-1988
- JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE—3rd Wednesday, 7PM, 553-6451, barbaraberman2@gmail.com
- JUSTICE RESOURCE CENTER—www.louisvillejrc.org, 774-8624
- KENTUCKIANS FOR SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE—1st and 3rd Thursday, 5:30PM, Board Room in the Mezzanine of the Main Public Library, www.kyhealthcare.org, 636-1551
- KFTC [Kentuckians for the Commonwealth]—2nd Monday, 589-3188
- KTAG [Kentuckiana Taskforce Against Genocide]— www.facebook.com/KYAgainstGenocide, 553-6172
- KY ALLIANCE AGAINST RACIST & POLITICAL REPRESSION—1st Tuesday, 6:30PM, 778-8130
- KY COALITION TO ABOLISH THE DEATH PENALTY—www.kcadp.org, 636-1330
- KITLAC [KY Interfaith Taskforce on Latin America & The Caribbean]—kitlac@mailforce.net, 435-3265
- KRCRC [KY Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice]—www.krcrc.org, (866)606-0988
- KY WATERSHED WATCH—Volunteer water quality monitoring and training around the state every month. Call 1-800-928-0045
- LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS—3rd Monday, Sept-May, www.lwvlouisville.org, 895-5218
- LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR ISRAELI/PALESTINIAN STATES—3rd Sunday, 451-5658
- LOUISVILLE COMMITTEE FOR PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST (LCPME)—First Monday, 7PM, 264-2437
- LOUISVILLE FORUM—2nd Wednesday, Noon, www.louisvilleforum.org, 329-0111
- LPAC [Louisville Peace Action Community]—www.louisvillepeace.org, 456-6914
- LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE (LSURJ)—Monthly meetings for learning and action, 558-7556
- LOUISVILLE WOMEN CHURCH—Meditation every Sunday, 473-8435
- LOUISVILLE YOUTH GROUP—Friday nights, 587-7755, www.louisvilleyouthgroup.com
- LOUISVILLIANS IN FAVOR OF EQUALITY (LIFE)—4th Sunday, 384-3875
- METRO SWEEP FOR ACCESS—3rd Tuesday, 895-0866 or 899-9261
- METROPOLITAN HOUSING COALITION—4th Wednesday, 584-6858
- MIGHTY KINDNESS—mightykindness@gmail.com, 235-0711
- MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE—(571)278-2255, www.momsdemandaction.org
- MUHAMMAD ALI INSTITUTE FOR PEACE AND JUSTICE—U of L, 852-6372
- NAACP [National Association for the Advancement of Colored People]—3rd Monday, 776-7608
- NAMI [National Alliance for the Mentally Ill]—588-2008, www.namilouisville.org
- NATIONAL ACTION NETWORK, LOUISVILLE METRO CHAPTER—4th Sunday, 5PM, 778-8624 or (470)362-0317
- PARENTS, FAMILIES & FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS (P-FLAG)—233-1323, www.pflaglouisville.org
- PEACE EDUCATION PROGRAM—www.peaceeducationprogram.org, 589-6583
- RESULTS (a hunger lobby)—2nd Saturday, 451-4907
- SICKLE CELL ASSOCIATION—3rd Saturday, 569-2070
- SIERRA CLUB INNER CITY OUTINGS—2nd Thursday, 7:30PM, 558-0073
- LOUISVILLE SHOWING UP FOR RACIAL JUSTICE—Learning, support and action, 558-7556.
- SOCIAL CHANGE BOOK CLUB—3rd Monday, www.greenlistlouisville.com
- SOWERS OF JUSTICE NETWORK—www.sowersofjusticenetwork.org, sowersofjusticenetwork@gmail.com
- STAND UP SUNDAY/STAND UP LOUISVILLE—Every Sunday, 3PM, 3208 W. Broadway, chelm416@gmail.com
- URBAN LEAGUE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS—2nd Monday, 6PM, 561-6830
- VETERANS FOR PEACE, Louisville Chapter 168—500-6915, CRawertTrainer@twc.com
- WOMEN IN TRANSITION (WIT)—Every Wednesday, 6-8 PM, 636-0160

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Apr 1 to Jul 14 » SHINING A LIGHT. The Muhammad Ali Center. See photographs from countries all over the world on human rights and social justice. This year’s focus is the daily lives of homeless women. Visit <https://www.alicenter.org>

Apr 1 to 30 » SACK LUNCHESES FOR THE HOMELESS. Wayside Christian Mission. Open every day. Help us assemble sack lunches for men and women who are working and away from the Mission at mealtimes. Sack lunches are also used by our Good Samaritan Patrol. Visit <http://wcm1.weebly.com>.

Apr 1 to 30 » THE WORLD’S MAJOR RIVERS. The Crane House. Compare three of the world’s major rivers: Ganges, Yangtze, and Ohio. Learn more about their influence on the history and culture of their respective countries. Visit <http://www.cranehouse.org>.

Apr 2 to 4 » PEACECASTERS SPRING CAMP. Peace Education Program, 9AM to 5PM. Practice ways to use tools nonviolent conflict resolution. Visit <https://www.peaceeducationprogram.org>.

Apr 2 (Tues) » GLOBAL TRIVIA NIGHT. World Affairs Council of Kentucky and Southern Indiana, 7PM. Test your knowledge and learn more from others. Visit <https://www.worldkentucky.org>.

Apr 2 (Tues) » CONSOLING PARENTS. Meeting at First Lutheran Church every Tuesday at 6:30PM. Meet others who know the loss of miscarriage, stillbirth, and newborn death. Call 629-2103 for more information.

Apr 2 (Tues) » DANCING FOR VETERANS WITH PTSD. 6PM. Enjoy live music, dance and community. Every Tuesday until April 9th. Visit www.dancingwell.org.

Apr 3 (Wed) » VOLUNTEER FOR REFUGEE FAMILIES Catholic Charites, 5:30PM. First Wednesday every month. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and family assistance efforts. Visit <http://cclou.org>.

Apr 3 (Wed) » THE LOUISVILLE SUSTAINABILITY FORUM. Every first Wednesday. Sustainability and relationships that create a community for change. Bring your lunch. Noon to 1:45 PM, Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road.

Apr 3 (Wed) » KENTUCKY REFUGEE MINISTRIES LUNCH & LEARN. Noon. Learn more about our refugee & immigration settlement program and citizenship tutoring classes. Visit <http://kyrm.org>.

Apr 4 (Thurs) » KENTUCKY SINGLE PAYER HEALTH CARE. Every first & third Thursday, 5:30PM at Main Public Library. Call Kay Tillow 636-1551.

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Apr 4 (Thurs) » DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS TO THIS CALENDAR IN THE NEXT ISSUE OF FORSOOTH. Every first Thursday. Please email calendar.peace@gmail.com.

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Apr 4 to 7 & 25 to 28 » HAND IN HAND MINISTRIES. Work side by side with people who live and work in vulnerable communities. Visit <http://www.myhandinhand.org>.

Apr 6 (Sat) » INTERFAITH SILENT MEDITATION. Every first Saturday. 9:30AM. Brief meditation instruction and longer periods of silence, interspersed with opportunities for walking meditation. Passionist Earth & Spirit Center, the Barn at 1924 Newburg Road. Call 502-452-2749 for information. Visit <https://earthandspiritcenter.org>.

Apr 6 (Sat) » LOUISVILLE COMMUNITY AGRICULTURE. Every Saturday morning. Also, other days and times. 26 farmers’ markets from California neighborhood to Norton Commons. Visit <https://louisvilleky.gov/government/mayors-healthy-hometown-movement/services/healthy-eating>.

Apr 6 (Sat) » PRESERVE OUR URBAN FORESTS. Olmsted Parks Conservancy. Almost every Saturday. Our tasks include invasive plant removal, mulching, painting or general park beautification in our various Olmsted parks and parkways. Gloves, tools and guidance provided. Be sure to sign-up before coming out. Visit <http://www.olmstedparks.org>.

Apr 6 (Sat) » HELP BUILD A HOME. Habitat for Humanity of Metro Louisville. Almost every Saturday. Work alongside our sweat-equity families. Ask about our non-construction opportunities too. Visit <https://www.louisvillehabitat.org>.

Apr 6 (Sat) » CANVASS NEIGHBORHOODS FOR FRESH FOOD. Saturdays and Sundays. Join us any time. Fresh Stop Project volunteers take orders door to door for locally grown fruits and vegetables. Visit <http://www.newrootsproduce.org>.

Apr 7 (Sun) » COMMUNITY COMPOSTING. UofL Belknap Campus. Every Sunday, Noon to 2PM. Help us turn trash to treasure. Haul home some rich compost for your garden. Dress to get dirty. Tools provided. Visit <http://www.louisville.edu/sustainability>.

Apr 7 (Sun) » “AIM HIGHER” focusing on military counter-recruitment. Every first Sunday at 7 PM. Discuss conscientious objection, military recruitment, and the possibility for high school students to “opt out” of having their names given to recruiters. Call Jim Johnson, 262-0148 or e-mail FORnonviolence@gmail.com.

Apr 9 (Tues) » MOVIMENIENTO DE MUJERES LATINA -- LATINA WOMEN’S MOVEMENT, La Casita Center, every second Tuesday, 5:30PM. Network, mentor, find friends and share. Call 322-4036 for more information.

Apr 9 (Tues) » AMERICANA COMMUNITY CENTER. Volunteer orientation every 2nd Tuesday, 6PM. Help bridge the gap for our refugee and immigrant neighbors. Visit <http://www.americanacc.org>.

Apr 10 (Wed) » Y-NOW CHILDREN OF PRISONERS MENTORING. Join us for a tour of YMCA Safe Place. 2nd Wednesday each month. Learn how you can help break the cycle through mentoring and encouragement. RSVP to 635-5233.

Apr 10 (Wed) » LOUISVILLE FORUM. Noon at Vincenzo’s Downtown. Every 2nd Wednesday. Speakers on current public issues. Non-partisan discussion. For details call, 502-329-0111.

Apr 11 (Thurs) » EVERYONE READS TRAINING. JCPS VanHoose Education Center, 4PM. Every 2nd Thursday. Join our community-wide effort to improve reading skills. Visit <https://apps.jefferson.kyschools.us/vounteer>.

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Apr 11 (Thurs) » DEADLINE TO SUBMIT ARTICLES FOR THE JUNE ISSUE OF FORsooth. Email articles to adamkhayat10@gmail.com

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Apr 12 (Fri) » A GLIMPSE OF ETERNITY. The Louisville Astronomical Society at dusk in Tom Sawyer Park. Every 2nd Friday weather permitting. Look through telescopes at planets, our moon, stars, double stars, the Orion nebula, and other wonders. Visit <https://www.louisville-astro.org/>.

Apr 13 (Sat) » EARTHSERVE OF LOUISVILLE. Crescent Hill Ministries, 6PM to 8PM. Every 2nd Saturday. Discuss healthy food and behavior change. Bring a plant-based dish and share your recipe. Mix, mingle, music. Call 299-9520 for more information.

Apr 13 (Sat) » CITIZENS’ CLIMATE LOBBY. Crescent Hill Public Library, Noon. Every 2nd Saturday. Help plan efforts to lobby for state legislation to combat climate change. For more contact Jean at jmchri@gmail.com or call 502-634-3114.

Apr 14 (Sun) » VIGIL FOR PEACE. Louisville Peace Action Committee (LPAC) and Veterans for Peace Chapter 168, 4PM to 5PM. Every 2nd Sunday. Bardstown Rd. at Douglas Blvd. Bring a sign. Remember those suffering from conflicts in the Middle East. For more information, call Harold Trainer, 502-419-4083.

Apr 14 (Sun) » THE NONVIOLENT CITIES PROJECT. Pace e Bene Nonviolence Service, every 2nd Sunday at 2:30PM. Help us spread and apply the principles of non-violent action here and now. Call 812-280-0665 or email rodwsm@gmail.com for more information.

Apr 15 (Mon) » GROWING FOOD AND COMMUNITY. 15 Thousand Farmers at Dismas Charities St. Ann’s on Algonquin Pkwy, the 15th of every month. Share ideas and experiences about growing your own food. Taste samples. Visit www.15thousandfarmers.com.

Apr 16 (Tues) » WEST JEFFERSON COUNTY COMMUNITY TASK FORCE. Meeting at the NIA Center every 3rd Tuesday at 6PM. Help us examine and assess community environmental concerns. Call 852-4609 for more information.

Apr 17 (Wed) » JEWISH VOICE FOR PEACE. Highlands-Shelby Park Public Library. Every third Wednesday. Help us plan for future and assess our accomplishments. Call 502-553-6451 or e-mail barbaraberman2@gmail.com.

Apr 18 (Thurs) » CHAT WITH POLICE. 6PM. Open dialogue with police officers. Meeting places rotate month to month. <https://louisville-police.org/475/Youth-Chats-with-the-LMPD>.

Apr 18 (Thurs) » MENTAL ILLNESS SUPPORT & ADVOCACY. NAMI Louisville every third Thursday at 3PM. Also Saturdays and Sundays. Support for families. Draw on years of experience. Visit www.namilouisville.org.

Apr 18 (Thurs) » COURT APPOINTED SPECIAL ADVOCATES FOR CHILDREN (CASA). Orientation, Noon to 1PM. Learn how you can help defend the rights of abused and neglected children in our community. Call 595-4911 to RSVP.

Apr 18 (Thurs) » LEARNING DIFFERENCES SUPPORT & ADVOCACY. Learning Disabilities Association of Kentucky every third Thursday at 7PM. Support for individuals and families. Call 473-1256 for more information.

Apr 18 (Thurs) » THIRD THURSDAY LUNCH. Co-sponsored by FOR and the Sowers of Justice Network at Hotel Louisville. Hear compelling speakers on current concerns and issues of justice, compassion, faith, and public policy. Lunch begins at 11:30AM, presentation begins at 12 noon. RSVP to Pat Geier by the Monday prior at 609-7985 or pgeier@fastmail.fm. *See page 7 for more details about this month’s event.*

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Apr 18 (Thurs) » FORsooth LABELING PARTY. Presbyterian Seminary, Winn Center. 6:30 PM. Every 3rd Thursday. We need volunteers! Many hands make light work, and the opposite is also true! So please join us if you can. Call 451-5658 for more information

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Apr 20 (Sat) » LOUISVILLE EARTH WALK. Iroquois Park. Celebrate our beautiful planet and show our community how much you care about protecting and improving our quality of life. Visit <https://louisvilleearthwalk.org/>.

Apr 23 (Tues) » FREE NONPROFIT START-UP CLINIC. Center for Nonprofit Excellence, 3PM. Every 4th Tuesday. Learn the fundamentals, avoid pitfalls, and find direction. Visit www.cnpe.org.

Apr 30 (Tues) » REAL PEOPLE, REAL CHALLENGES, REAL SOLUTIONS. Volunteers of America Family Emergency Shelter, morning and evening sessions. One-hour interactive tour of VOA’s work and programs for self-determination. Call 636-4660 to RSVP.

OUT OF TOWN

Apr 1 (Mon) » KENTUCKY MIGRANT NETWORK COALITION. Lexington KY at the Cardinal Valley Center, 12PM. Every first Monday. Get better acquainted with Kentucky’s immigrant and refugee families. For more information, call 859-258-3824

Apr 2 to 23 » FAIRNESS MEETINGS. ACLU of Kentucky. Help us promote LGBT Rights in Kentucky and join our meeting in Versailles, Georgetown, Frankfort, Bowling Green, Berea, and Shelbyville. Visit <http://www.aclu-ky.org>.

Apr 4 (Thurs) » INTERFAITH PRAYER VIGIL FOR PEACE. Lexington, KY at West Main and Broadway, 5:30PM to 6:30PM. Every Thursday. For more information, call 859-327-5514.

Apr 18 (Thurs) » ORGANIC AGRICULTURE WORKING GROUP. KSU Research Farm, Frankfort, KY. Every third Thursday. Participate in efforts to develop local food economies with the Community Farm Alliance and others. <https://ksu.edu/academics/cafsss/organic-agriculture-working-group/about-organic-agriculture-working-group/>.

Apr 27 (Sat) » CHRISTIAN-MUSLIM DIALOGUE. Lexington, KY at 10AM. Meeting places rotate. Every 4th Saturday. Explore moral, cultural, and social issues together. For more information, call 859-2772-7891.

Apr 27 (Sat) » CREATING SPACES OF BELONGING. Kentuckians For The Commonwealth meeting in Covington, KY. Learn concrete ways to make our spaces more inclusive and together. Visit <http://kftc.org/>.

AT THE LOUISVILLE FREE PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Visit www.lfpl.org for more information.

Apr 4 (Thurs) » CITIZENSHIP CLASS. Iroquois Public Library, 11AM. Every Thursday. Instruction by Kentucky Refugee Ministries

Apr 6 (Sat) » ENGLISH CONVERSATION CLUB. Every Saturday at the Iroquois Public Library, 3PM. Also Main Library on Wednesdays at 7PM and Shively Public Library on Thursdays at 6:30PM.

Apr 6 (Sat) » HOUR OF POWER BOOK DISCUSSIONS. Newburg Public Library, every first Saturday at 2PM. Discuss books on personal efforts

Apr 6 (Sat) » CONTEMPORARY AFRICA. Iroquois Public Library, 1PM. Every Saturday this month. Meet and learn with community leaders and UofL students.

Apr 8 (Mon) » INTERMEDIATE SPANISH. South Central Public Library, 6:30PM. Every Monday. Increase comprehensive and oral expression.

Apr 16 (Tues) » GRANTSEEKING BASICS FOR NONPROFITS. Main Public Library, 1:30PM. Learn the basics of developing a fundraising plan.

Apr 17 (Wed) » BOOKS ON GLOBAL SOLIDARITY. Main Public Library, 12PM. Discuss contemporary books by authors from all over the world. (aka Mayor’s Book Club)

Apr 18 (Thurs) » WOMEN’S BOOK CLUB. South Central Public Library, 7PM. Join our discussion of books of interest to women.

Apr 27 (Sat) » FRENCH CIRCLE. Iroquois Public Library, 12:30PM. Join our conversation in French.

Apr 27 (Sat) » DIA CELEBRATION. Iroquois Public Library, 2:30PM. El día de los niños/El día de los libros.

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