

Syracuse Peace Council E-Newsletter

February 3, 2018

SYRACUSE PEACE COUNCIL EVENTS AND ACTIONS

The Occupation of the American Mind – Film Screening

Monday, February 5, 2018 - 7 to 9pm. Free to the public
ArtRage, 505 Hawley, Syracuse.

Co-hosted by Jewish Voice for Peace and SPC's Justice for Palestine Committee

Israel's ongoing military occupation of Palestinian territory and repeated invasions of the Gaza strip have triggered a fierce backlash against Israeli policies virtually everywhere in the world — except the United States. The Occupation of the American Mind takes an eye-opening look at this critical exception, zeroing in on pro-Israel public relations efforts within the U.S. The film explores how the Israeli government, the U.S. government, and the pro-Israel lobby have joined forces, often with very different motives, to shape American media coverage of the conflict in Israel's favor.

Street Heat

Tuesday, February 6 at 4:15-5pm

Hancock Airbase (E. Molloy Rd.)

Signs are provided. Contact Ann or Ed, 315-478-4571. Next Street Heat is Tuesday, March 6. Street Heats are once a month in the winter.

Beyond War & Militarism Committee Meeting

Tuesday, February 6 at 7pm

Rae Kramer's home, 401 Scottholm Blvd., Syracuse

Contact Diane at drswords@gmail.com for agenda and more info.

Peace Newsletter Editorial Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 8 at 2pm

Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, 2013 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, 2nd floor (contact us if stairs are a problem).

We organize the PNL content and layout the issue. 3000 issues are distributed in the Syracuse area. Contact Annie for info: acwindholz@gmail.com

Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON) Meeting

Tuesday, February 13 from 7-8:30

Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, 2013 E. Genesee St., Syracuse, 2nd floor (contact us if stairs are a problem).

Please join us for our monthly organizing meeting. For more info: Sue 315-492-2684 or rsue@twcny.rr.com

North Korea and the Nuclear Issue: Myth vs. History

Monday, February 19 from 7-9pm. Free to the public.

ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave., Syracuse

The US has 83 military sites and about 23,400 military personnel in South Korea, a country around the size of Massachusetts. Some of the sites lie about 80 miles from Pyongyang, capital of North Korea. Want to learn more about what is going on in the Korean peninsula? Associate professor of history and director of the Syracuse University East Asia Program George Kallander will present a historically grounded view of the conflict, followed by discussion and action ideas. Sponsored by the Beyond War and Militarism Committee of Syracuse Peace Council and CNY Solidarity Network. To download the NO Unconstitutional Strike Against North Korea petition go to peacecouncil.net/ or call 315-472-5478.

The Doomsday Clock is now at 2 minutes to midnight (see <https://thebulletin.org/2018-doomsday-clock-statement>) – we have work to do!

SPC IN COALITION

Poor People's Campaign Meeting

Monday, February 12, at 7pm

Atonement Church, 115 Glen Ave., Syracuse

For more info on the Poor People's Campaign: poorpeoplescampaign.org, [national Poor People's Campaign on Facebook](#), [NYS Poor People's Campaign](#) on Facebook. Individuals can join the Poor People's Campaign at poorpeoplescampaign.org. Locally we are beginning work on a Truth Commission (see <https://nytruthcommission.org/>). View the video from the Buffalo Truth Commission https://www.facebook.com/cejbuffalo/videos/1805289689484155/?notif_id=1516989133848759¬if_t=story_reshare

CNY Solidarity Coalition Meeting

Sunday, February 11 from 3-5 pm

Bishop Harrison Center, 1342 Lancaster Ave., Syracuse

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Phonebanking to Tell Schumer to Stop Selling Out Immigrants

Sunday, February 4, from 2-3:30pm

Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, 2013 E. Genesee St., Syracuse

The WCCNY and the NYIC will host a phone bank to ask New York voters to tell Senator Charles Schumer to include a clean DREAM Act in the federal budget, and to fight back against Trump's proposed immigration plan that gives 1.8 million DACA-eligible undocumented youths a path to citizenship in exchange for a border wall and eliminating diversity visas and family reunification program. Email Nikeeta at nslade@workerscentercny.org if you have questions and to RSVP!

Help Celebrate France's Support of American Scientists in the Fight Against Climate Change: Enjoy a French Themed Fund-raising Party

Sunday, February 4 from 1-4pm

The Spa at 500, 500 W. Onondaga St., Syracuse

This festive event will feature French food, music, refreshments, educational stations and a raffle. Representatives from organizations and businesses working on climate change will be

available to talk to. A free will donation is requested. Former ESF President Neil Murphy and Cornell Professor Louis Derry, will make presentations on how climate change is affecting Central New York & the "climate" of climate science on two sides of the same ocean. Hear a message from the French Cultural Minister in Washington, DC to the people of CNY and learn how you can become involved with the movement to address climate change locally. For more details, go to www.climatechange-action.com/magnifique or <https://www.facebook.com/events/790833911118421/>

Beth Broadway on Syracuse: A Refugee Resettlement City

Sunday, February 4 at 3pm. Free.

Westcott Community Center 826 Euclid Avenue, Syracuse

This is part of the Eastside Neighborhood Lecture Series. Beth is the President/CEO of InterFaith Works. She will discuss Syracuse's role as a refugee resettlement city and answer questions such as: Who are refugees? How does someone end up in Syracuse? What is done to help them assimilate? What are the challenges for both the refugees and the community?

We All Fall Down: The Art of Donalee Peden Wesley

Feb 3 thru Mar 24.

ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave., Syracuse

The mixed-media drawings in this exhibition focus on the human/animal relationship. They are a testament to the plight of animals when forced to interact with humans. Encroachment, factory farming, medical research, military experiments, the fur industry, trophy hunters, puppy mills and extinction are a few of the topics addressed. Donalee Peden Wesley chooses not to show the horrific or to shock, but to address the issues and invite the viewer to reflect, discuss, question and in turn help to resolve problems. <http://artragegallery.org/>

Rapid Response New Member Orientation & Meeting

Wednesday, February 7th - Orientation 5:30pm and General Meeting at 6:30pm

Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice, 2013 E. Genesee St., Syracuse

After Arely's rally on Wednesday, unfortunately another immigrant member of our community, Rene was detained by ICE. Organizers from the Workers' Center of CNY, members of the Rapid Response Team, and other community allies protested Rene's arrest and detention. The lesson we have learned is that every time ICE threatens to take people from our community, we need HUNDREDS of people there protesting. With the increased attacks on immigrants, the rapid response team is a crucial show of solidarity and defense. We need all hands on deck. Please RSVP to the orientation and training by emailing Kayla at kkelechian@workerscny.org. Also be sure to read this [Post Standard article](#) that details what happened during the protest and brings to light the little known "obscure" ICE office on S. Salina Street.

Syracuse Community Choir's Annual Meeting

Wednesday February 7th 7-9pm Potluck Dinner at 5:30

Grace Episcopal Church, 819 Madison St. (corner of University Ave.)

All are invited to the Syracuse Community Choir's Annual Meeting. Optional pot-luck dinner before, starting at 5:30. Bring a dish to pass. Help the board plan, evaluate, give ideas for songs, projects and more. We will also sing!! Bring old music, too.

I-81 Community Grid Coalition Meeting

Wed., Feb 7, 5:30-7pm

500 W. Genesee St. in Syracuse.

More details [here](#).

FlipNY24's Postcard Party

Sun., Feb. 11, 3-4:30pm

Wegmans Fairmount Café, upstairs.

More details [here](#).

I Am Not Your Negro – film screening

Friday, February 9, at 7pm. Free

ArtRage Gallery, 505 Hawley Ave., Syracuse

In 1979, James Baldwin wrote a letter to his literary agent describing his next project, Remember This House. The book was to be a revolutionary, personal account of the lives and successive assassinations of three of his close friends – Medgar Evers, Malcolm X and Martin Luther King, Jr. At the time of Baldwin's death in 1987, he left behind only thirty completed pages of his manuscript. Now, in this incendiary new documentary, master filmmaker Raoul Peck envisions the book James Baldwin never finished.

National Action Network Meeting

Saturday, February 10 at 10am

Fountain of Life Church

Free Hector Rally and Press Conference

Tuesday, February 20 at 8:00am (leaving Syracuse at 6:00am)

4250 Federal Drive Batavia, NY 14020

Our friend and Workers' Center of CNY member, Hector was detained by ICE unjustly on December 21, 2017 just a few days before Christmas. His family was devastated, Arely, his wife had endured already so much during the year with monthly check-ins with ICE. There was no reason to detain Hector, as he had been complying with ICE, had already a bond and his case was administratively closed in January of last year. Let's show the immigration court how much support and solidarity Hector has. We will be carpooling from Syracuse so please join us to support Hector and to stop this inhumane deportation machine! Also be sure to share and sign this petition to Free Hector!

Public broadband Meeting

Tuesday, February 20 at 6 pm

500 West Genesee St., Syracuse

My Baby Just Cares for Peace: A Cabaret with Colleen Kattau, Dave Pandori & Joe Downing

February 23 & 24, seatings at 6:30 & 8:30pm

The Bear Garden, Reservations a must: call 315 424-0783 to reserve

ALL proceeds to benefit The Center for Peace & Social Justice. Colleen Kattau sings on the side of justice for earthly beings, combining her melodic & vocal gifts with a fearless lyrical punch. She

seamlessly incorporates Latin and pagan American influences into her songs and can jump musical genres for a unique and satisfying sound.

Planned Parenthood's NYS Day of Action

Tuesday, March 13, Albany NY

[Register](#) now to join us as we gather in Albany for a statewide Day of Action for our reproductive health care and rights – don't miss this chance to show our strength as we rally and meet with lawmakers! Details: Free round-trip bus transportation. Free lunch and Planned Parenthood swag. Lobby training for all attendees.

Job Opening

Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice has an immediate opening for a part time (approx. 10 hours/week) building manager. We are an equal opportunity employer, and welcome applicants from all backgrounds.

Responsibilities:

Responsibilities include assessment and general upkeep of building, routine maintenance of mechanical systems other than repairs requiring professionals, and response to emergency calls. In addition the building manager serves as liaison with contractors for routine services and special projects as directed by the board.

Essential Qualifications:

Applicant must be able to go up and down stairs, and lift up to 40 lbs. This person must be able to work well with maintenance and supply companies, with representatives of organizations within the building, and with the Board of Directors. The applicant must be able to follow directions, must be trustworthy and responsible, and must be willing to support the goals of The Center and the Board of Directors.

Terms:

This is a part-time position. The position receives all legally mandated benefits (such as Social Security and workers' compensation insurance).

Compensation:

The starting pay is \$12.50/hour.

Send applications to (include resume, letter of interest, and three references):

Syracuse Center for Peace and Social Justice; attn.: HR
2013 E Genesee Street, Syracuse, NY 13210

ATTENTION STUDENT ACTIVISTS!

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund board is pleased to announce that our online application is available for student activists who are organizing for social change and building progressive movements on campus and in community. We are in a critical time of resistance with growing numbers on the front lines of social change in movements for economic and racial justice, prison abolition, immigration struggles, indigenous rights, reproductive and gender justice, climate justice and LGBTQ rights. We are additionally concerned with

international solidarity challenging US imperialism and militarism. We encourage student leaders in these movements to apply this year.

Our website provides answers to questions about the Fund, the application process, and the students we support. If you know of students working for peace and justice, or if you have a list of activist contacts, please send this announcement along and refer potential applicants to the Fund's website: www.davisputter.org. From there, the applicant will be directed to the online application page and asked to register an account with name and email.

Since 1961 the Davis-Putter Fund has provided need-based grants to students doing academic work at the college level and are involved in building movements for social and economic justice. Grantees are both graduates and undergraduates enrolled in accredited schools/programs for the period covered by their grant - trade school or certification programs will be considered. Although citizenship is not a consideration, applicants must be enrolled in an accredited program in the US during the 2018/19 academic year in order to qualify. International students coming to the US for study only are rarely funded, but will be considered if all other eligibility requirements are met.

The maximum grant is \$10,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant's circumstances and the funding available. All the funds come from individual donors and there are 25-30 grants awarded each year. Grants are for one year although students may re-apply for subsequent years.

An online application must be submitted along with a personal statement (no more than 1000 words), two letters of recommendation, transcripts, financial aid reports by April 1. Incarcerated applicants may request a paper application. Those selected to receive a grant will be notified in July.