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YOUTH MEMBERS, PARTNERS, & ALLIES

Welcome and #Unite

Thank you for attending!

We work and witness in this critical time, as we have worked together for **peace through justice** at home and abroad (since 1967).

Stand up for Principles and the Spirit!

Defend the Sacred!

Remember that
Unarmed Truth & Unconditional Love
will have the final word in reality,
as Rev. Dr. King said!

We are thrilled to welcome you to the inspiration we'll have from our beloved Brother **Dr. Cornel West!**

We are all in this together!

We Shall Overcome - Harambe/Juntos/Together!
#PeopleAndThePlanet

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Evening's Program

6PM DOORS OPEN; VIRTUAL PROGRAM BOOK WILL SHOW AS SLIDE SHOW (ALSO DOWNLOADABLE AS A PDF)

7PM GNOHNYOH - INDIGENOUS OPENING/THANKS-GIVING; BY JILL YAGWONEEST CLAUSE, TUSCARORA

7:10PM INTROS TO BELOVED BROTHER, DR. CORNEL WEST; STUDENT GROUPS (D'YOUVILLE, NIAGARA UNIVERSITY, SUNY BUFFALO STATE COLLEGE)

- -- TWO SURPRISE AWARDS (PEACE EDUCATION TO DR. BRANDON ABSHER AND DR. ROLANDA WARD)
 - -- LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS: ROGER COOK AND JUNE LICENCE, RIVERSIDE SALEM UCC/DC, ENVIRONMENTAL COTTAGE +
- -- EMERGING LEADERS AWARD: JALONDA HILL, WNY LAW CENTER, FAIR FINES [NO] FEES COALTION, COLORED GIRLS BIKE TOO
- -- 'ALT-IMATE' ACTIVIST AWARD: JILLIAN HANESWORTH, POET, DIRECTOR OF LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT AT OPEN BUFFALO, FREE THE PEOPLE-WNY
 - -- "THE REVOLUTION WILL RHYME" JILLIAN HANESWORTH

7:30PM DR. CORNEL WEST: "WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?"

8:00PM LIVE Q&A WITH DR. WEST, WITH QUESTIONS FROM ATTENDEES & STUDENT GROUPS

VIRTUAL MARKETPLACE WITH SILENT AUCTION, BASKETS, VIRTUAL VENDORS WILL BE SHARED IN THE WEEK AHEAD

Thank you to all who sponsored and/or donated to this event!

April Arman Big Four Dry Cleaners Black Monarchy Buffalo Spree **Burning Books** Deb Ebel Dr. Christine Eber El Buen Amigo Food For All Lucille Gervase Global Villages Global Justice Ecology Project Indigenous Women's Initiatives Kelly Ann Kowalski



Latin American Solidarity Committee Santiago Masferrer Network of Religious Communities Open Buffalo Paradise Wine Franchelle Parker Put A Plant On It Marie Prince Rahama Thin Ice Weaving for Justice Agnes Williams

Veterans for Peace

WNY Peace Center Initiatives & Achievements

Your support has led to another year of great success with:

- Facilitating Collective Nonviolent Action: peaceful protests, rallies, and vigils, including during difficult period of national attention to Buffalo repolicing
- Organizing support for, and study and practice of Collective Nonviolent Action
- Our taskforce activities (see taskforce sections below)
- The Women's March
- wnypeace.org's great activist/advocacy calendar & info
- People's Choice for Best Activist group in 2020 (per Buffalo Spree)

WNY Peace Center Initiatives & Achievements, ctd.

- Field practicum for 8 interns over the course of the year, from Fordham's MSW Program, and from Daemen College, Niagara University, D'Youville, & SUNY Geneseo
- Sharing info through listserve (3K), Facebook (7K), Instagram (2K), and Twitter (1K), website (wnypeace.org), weekly radio show (2hrs) on WBNY and Think Twice Radio
- Membership of over 300 buttressed by new satellite operations gestating in Lockport and Olean
- All with 50 hours paid staff time weekly (3 staff people 15/15/20)

















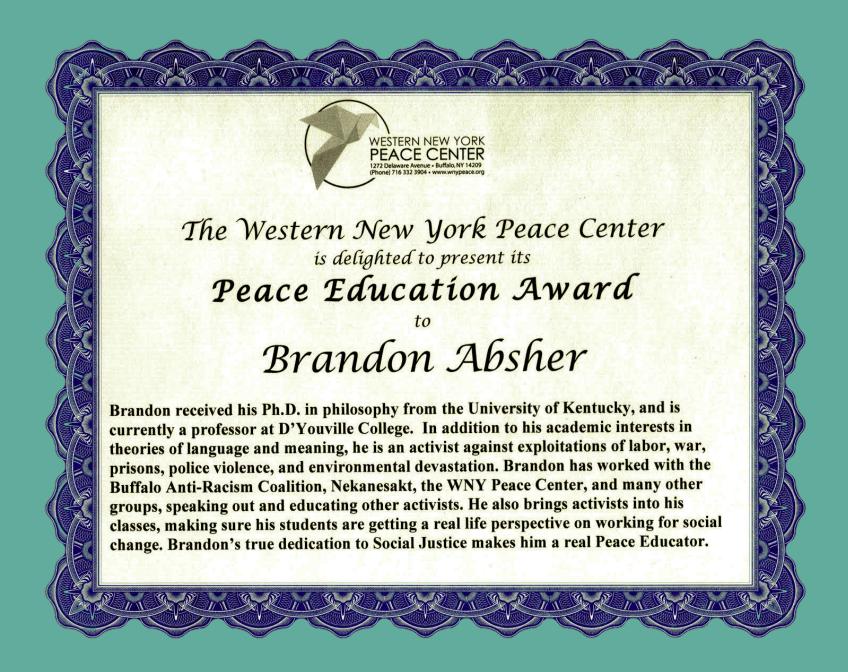


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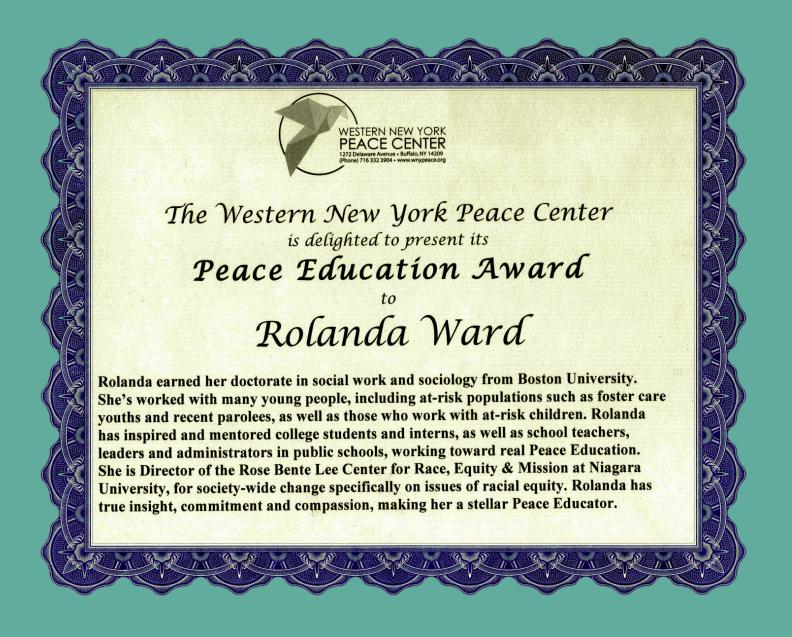
is delighted to present its

Peace Education Award

to

Dr. Rolanda Ward





is delighted to present its

'Alt-imate' Activist Award to Jillian Hanesworth



Jillian is currently the Director of Leadership Development at Open Buffalo. A graduate of the program, she previously worked as a counselor and advocate for survivors of interpersonal violence, and has worked with a spectrum of local agencies. Jillian is committed and consistent in actively pushing for desperately needed change.

Jillian also educated and inspired the youth of Camp Peaceprints in Racial Justice, and is the 2020 inaugural Poet Laureate of Juneteenth on Jefferson. She uses her poetry and activism to advance social justice and to educate and inspire others to do the same.

by Jillian Hanesworth (homage to Gil Scott-Heron)

The revolution will not be televised
The revolution will not be streamed live on Facebook,
Twitter, or IG TV

You will not be able to start it over if you missed a part And you won't need to tap it twice to see it's heart The revolution will not be brought to you by Nike, the NFL, or Jay-Z

We will watch it succeed in HD without taking a knee
The revolution will not be televised
The revolution will be live
The revolution will thrive
And the revolution will rhyme



The revolution will be led by black women who are just tired enough to do it ourselves

It will be rhythmic enough for us to follow the beat
Using drums and tambourines focusing on the two and four beats
Like a secret language that comes naturally
It will get louder when it's calling for the people's attention
And quieter when it wants the people to listen
People listen

The revolution will be direct and unwavering without concern of being looked at as angry

It will be as big and natural as a black panther's afro without worrying about opportunity

It will be as interwoven as locs but there will be nothing dreadful about it

And when light shines on the revolution it will create a halo around it

The revolution will rhyme

The revolution will rhyme It will be syncopated It will harmonize It will be call and repeat The revolution will rhyme The revolution will leave no man behind It will not be developed just to be displaced It's focus will not be extracted and refocused or repurposed And the burden of education and comfort will not be placed on the oppressed While understanding and tolerance is gifted to the oppressor You will not be able to binge watch the revolution Rewinding the comfortable triumphs and fast forwarding through the hurt You will not be able to DVR the revolution or avoid spoiler alerts Or save it for a day that you choose to see it's worth You will not be able to mute the revolution for it will be loud And you will not be able to shame the revolution for it will be proud

The revolution will rhyme
It will hold your attention and retain your momentum
It will float like a butterfly and sting like a bee
It will hit even harder than Muhammad Ali
It will stand on the shoulders of those who died on their knees
Screaming "You can take me from my freedom but you can't take my
freedom from me"

The revolution will hold this country accountable forcing it to keep its promises

Promises that guarantee life liberty and the pursuit of happiness It will be something to behold

It will be so cinematic that Ava Duvernay will create a documentary about it

It will be a complete overhaul not just a quick fix

The revolution will rhyme It will not always be politically correct and it will not be required to forgive and forget The revolution will remember all those who crosses it's path With a message fierce enough to make opposition fear its wrath It will march through the valley of the shadow of death without regret of its path And it's coming for what it's owed refusing to settle for half The revolution will not be televised The revolution will be live

The revolution will thrive And the revolution will rhyme

is delighted to present its

Emerging Leaders Award to Jalonda Hill



Jalonda works as a paralegal for the WNY Law Center, partnering with Free the People, Partnership for the Public Good and others. She is the principal organizer the Fair Fines [No] Fees Coalition, which achieved the major win of getting all the new fees abolished, as well as instituting a new traffic stop tool.

Jalonda is also the founder and leader of "Colored Girls Bike Too," and is currently participating in the O'Shei leadership program. She is devoted to building community and solidarity, and developing the spirit of learning and listening key to strong leadership.

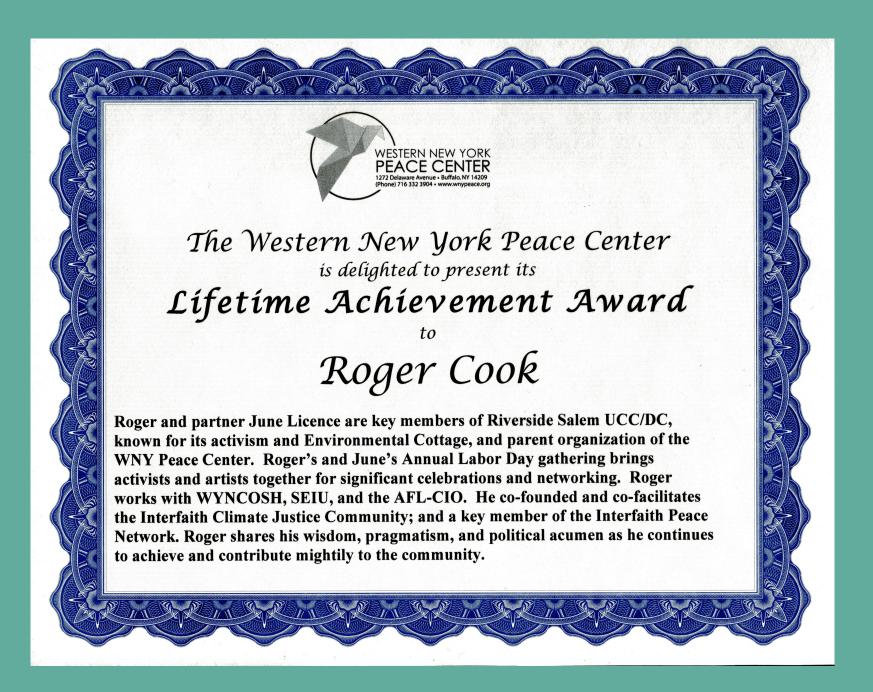
is delighted to present its

Lifetime Achievement Award to

Roger Cook & June Licence









We are privileged and honored to hear from our beloved Brother West!

"To be human, you must bear witness to justice.

Justice is what love looks like in public."

Dr. West is the People's Philosopher. His goal is to bring the world together and continue spreading Dr. King's message.

"You can't lead the people if you don't love the people. You can't save the people if you don't serve the people."

Dr. West has the best interests of the people and will continue fighting for our rights. He will never stop expressing the truth, whether it's in his writing, his spoken word, or through song.



"None of us alone can save the nation or world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so."

Brother West sees the strength we possess together instead of battling alone. We make progress and bring light to the challenges facing the world by bringing people together. Brother West is listening to our calls for improvement and wants to help us achieve it.

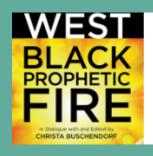
Dr. Cornel West, Activist & Author

"None of us alone can save the nation or world. But each of us can make a positive difference if we commit ourselves to do so."

Dr. West has written 20 books and edited 13. He is best known for his classics, Race Matters and Democracy Matters. His most recent book, Black Prophetic Fire, offers an unflinching look at nineteenth and twentieth-century African American leaders and their visionary legacies.

Brother West's writings and expressions of his own prophetic fire ignite the deep strength we possess together. We make progress and bring light to the challenges facing the world as we strive for moral integrity and universal solidarity. Brother West is listening to our calls for improvement and helps us pursue it through Unarmed Truth and Unconditional Love!

Featured titles by Dr. West

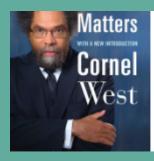


Black Prophetic Fire

by Cornel West



Burning Books / \$18.0

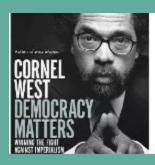


Race Matters, 25th Anniversary

by Cornel West



Burning Books / \$15.0



Democracy Matters: Winning the Fight Against Imperialism

by Cornel West

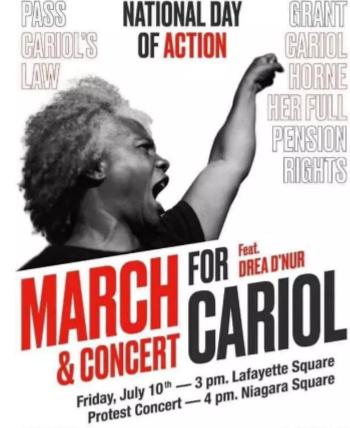


Burning Books / \$17.0

ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Taskforce works collaboratively to address global and local issues, and reduce Wall Street's political and economic influence. Poor People's Campaign is included.





Economic Justice Taskforce

- Following and supporting Poor People's Campaign, a National Campaign for Moral Revival
- Promoting donations to Food for All and NRC Pantry, especially when state funding was delayed
- Publicizing Buffalo Mutual Aid, PUSH, Citizen Action, etc. campaigns for COVID-19 Relief, rent moratorium, health care, and more.



EDUCATION & HUMAN RIGHTS

Taskforce and the Peace Education promote communication, cooperation, and Nonviolent Direct Action, through workshops and events especially with youth, activists and the larger community.

Education & Human Rights Taskforce

- Cosponsoring community discussion of Disparate Racial Results and Over-reliance on Out of School Suspensions; and work to end the grave dysfunction of the School-to-Prison-Pipeline
- Camp Peaceprints held Let's Talk Peace with 28 children participating virtually, including children with especially poignant family stressors
- PeaceJam served Lafayette Community School students, roughly estimated at 100 over the period, of different ages and from various countries



ENVIRONMENTAL JUSTICE

Taskforce's vision is that NY State will produce all its electrical power from renewable sources by 2050. We work to protect water and air. The NYS banm on hydro-fracking is a real victory.



Environmental Justice Taskforce

- Campaigning to ensure that NY State begins producing all its electrical power from clean, renewable sources of energy (wind, solar and hydro).
- Collaborating with Indigenous and Environmental groups to have the radioactivity at West Valley NY (derived from reprocessing activities during the 1960's and 1970's), completely removed safely and securely.
- Working to track and stop #BombTrains full of Baaken crude; stop nuclear waste (liquid & solid) going over the Peace Bridge (Fridays 2-3pm at Vermont & Busti); and stop hydrofracking.



GENDER JUSTICE

Taskforce aims for gender equality and equitable distribution of power, knowledge and resources regardless of race, class, sexual orientation, and ethnicity.

WNY WOMEN'S MARCH 2020





Gender Justice Taskforce

- Held WNY Women's Marches in both January and October, both of which had several hundreds come out (in January in 65mph galeforce winds, and in October with short notice)
- Supported women's control over their own bodies through Handmaid Tale action and vigil for Ruth Bader Ginsberg
- Protests in support of women's reproductive rights, challenged in Alabama

Taskforce works to support immigrants and refugees in the Buffalo community. Our goals include making Buffalo a safer place by addressing issues of discrimination and assisting immigrant and refugee communities in navigating systems when there are language and cultural differences.

IMMIGRANT & REFUGEE JUSTICE (IRJ)



EVERY THURSDAY, WE STAND TOGETHER.

#IRJTORALLY

IN SUPPORT OF IMMIGRANTS & REFUGEES

Please share photos of yourself holding a rally sign with your supportive message, and post it all







PEACE PINS for SOCIAL JUSTICE







Immigrant & Refugee Justice Taskforce

- Held community event on Congregate Living in the Age of COVID, with special testimony from Drs. Glick of Jericho Road and Mongo of Vive.
- Holding weekly digital rallies and/or in-person vigils to Stop ICE Terror (in person Thursdays 5-6pm in front of ICE Offices, Delaware North building, Delaware & Chippewa, Buffalo NY).
- Promoted news and campaigns, a book club, and calls to action supporting immigrant and refugee rights in WNY and on the southern border, plus collaborations with/ support for BPS Community Schools, Stitch Buffalo, and Justice for Migrant Families.

To purchase **Peace Pins for Social Justice**, visit **bit.ly/wnypeace_stitchbuff** through 11/14 to benefit the WNYPC and Stitch Buffalo artists.



LATIN AMERICAN SOLIDARITY COMMITEE

LASC has for over 20 years, promoted human rights, and social and economic justice in Latin America.



Latin American Solidarity Committee

Latin American Solidarity Committee

- Hold monthly Coffeehouses on Latin American issues of interest to membership and community, first singly and now in collaboration with similar group (ROCLA) in Rochester on zoom
- Share info re developments in Central & South America via website and social media
- Collaborate with and support an array of Latin American/LA-interested groups including IFCO/PastorsForPeace, SOAW, groups working against domestic violence in Latinx settings, more

Taskforce shines a light on the horrors and injustices of prison life, particularly the disproportionate incarceration of Black and LatinX people and the extremely high homicide and suicide rate at the Erie County Holdig Center

PRISONERS' RIGHTS





Prisoners' Rights

- Holding weekly vigils 4-5:30pm Wednesdays in front of the Erie County Holding Center and assorted protest rallies for justice re the Sheriff's Administration
- Holding weekly vigils 3-4pm Wednesdays in front of the Robert Jackson Federal CourtHouse, supporting campaigns to #AbolishtheDeathPenalty #HaltExecutions
- Working with NY-CAIC to #HALTsolitary;
 #ReleaseAgingPeopleinPrison, and #ReleaseInmates at risk due to COVID-19



RACIAL JUSTICE

Taskforce works for justice for people of color through nonviolent direct action, increased public awareness, and systems change, all while collaborating with others



Racial Justice Taskforce

- Part of various campaigns, with victories:
 - Cariol's Law passed in Common Council and signed by Mayor Brown (remember, too, to donate to the Cariol Horn Whistleblower Fund)
 - Fair Fines & [No] Fees all new fees on traffic tickets in Buffalo now eliminated
 - Free the People WNY misdemeanors leading to appearance tickets, not incarceration; stopping no-knock warrants, any chokeholds, searchingvehicles due to "smelling marijuana"
 - Bail Reform achieved; and now working to stem pushback
 - Repeal of 50A the NYS statute that kept police disciplinary records secret. Repeal was upheld!
- Supported #BLM rallies and marches over the year, including daily events in June following George Floyd's being murdered; and Sept. following Willie Henley's a homeless man's being shot.
- Held Speakout on Ethical Peace Officers, and connected with WNY Liberation Collective plus in Niagara Square, in Collective Nonviolence studies, and at marches.



RESIST MILITARISM!

Taskforce counters militarism (including recruitment in schools), militarization of the police, and weaponized drones.



Resist Militarism!

- Recent victory: Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons just reached 50 country ratifications; so in 90 days the treaty will be law.
- Collaborate with CodePink, Voices for Creative Nonviolence, Peace Action NYS, Back From the Brink (anti-nuclear) on events and campaigns to #DefundtheMilitary, #StopPoliceMilitarization, more.
- #CloseUSMilitaryBases, support Kings Bay Plowshares 7, and more.
 Also with Veterans For Peace Ch #128 organizing 11/11, 10:30am
 Armistice Day event, at Anchor at Buffalo & Erie Co. Naval & Military Park, Canalside.
- Collaborate with Yemeni Peace Collective on social media and zoom events, including upcoming Jan 25, 2021 International Day of Action for Peace in Yemen, and working with many groups to stop US and Saudi War Crimes and human rights abuses

Reclaim the Name Restore the Spirit Bring on the Peace

RECLAIM ARMISTICE DAY

11.11.20 | 10:30 AM BUFFALO NAVAL PARK & LIVESTREAMED ON FACEBOOK





BLACK LIVES MATTER

As peace activists and organizers, we unequivocally stand in solidarity with the black community in the US and around the globe in demanding justice and dismantling white supremacy. We honor the lives of and mourn the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, David McAtee, Tony McDade, and countless others who have been murdered at the hands of the racist police.

CLIMATE

CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change is a peace and security issue. The effects of climate change have already caused meteorological, social, and political disasters in the most vulnerable of environments, and extreme weather events are occurring more frequently than ever before.

DRONES

Drones are promoted as a precise tool that save the lives of U.S. soldiers – but that is not true. Drone strikes are authorized with faulty data widely discredited in the intelligence community, and they damage both our short and long-term security by indiscriminately killing large numbers of civilians and fostering ill-will towards U.S. forces.

MILITARY SPENDING?

US military spending is at near-record highs under the Trump administration. In 2019-20, the Pentagon budget stood at \$732 billion. For 2020-21, the Trump administration is requesting \$740 billion.

NUCLEAR WEAPONS

More than 25 years after the Cold War and the Non-Proliferation Treaty, the world's nuclear stockpiles remain at dangerously high levels. Of the 14,575 estimated nuclear weapons in the world, the United States and Russia have 92% of the world's nuclear arsenal.

CONGRATULATIONS!

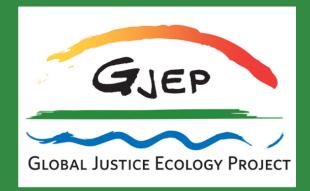
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Hands of Standing Rock Spiritual Leader, Chief Arvol Looking Horse (2016) Photolangelle.org

Global Justice Ecology Project explores and exposes the intertwined root causes of social injustice, ecological destruction, and economic domination.





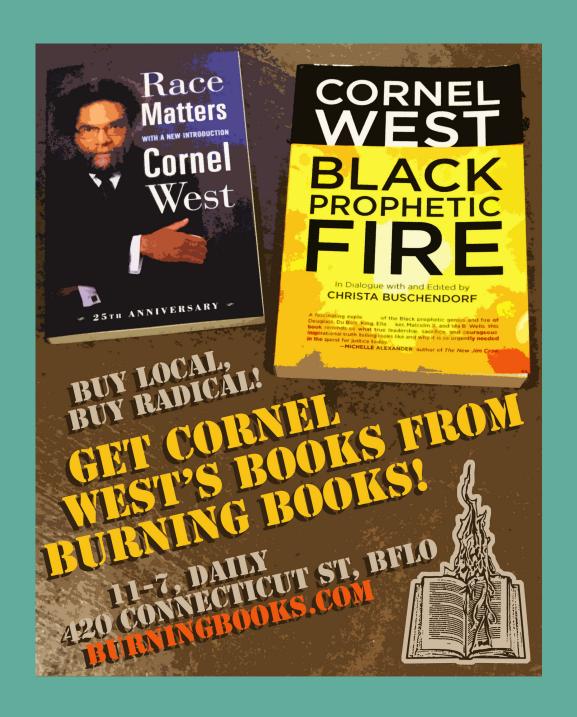




YOUR AWARD IS WELL DESERVED. WE ARE SO PROUD OF YOU!

Love, Your Open Buffalo Family







Congratulations to the WNY Peace Center!
from its taskforce - LASC: the Latin America Solidarity Committee.
DON'T MISS our roster of monthly virtual presentations,
co-sponsored with ROCLA: Rochester Committee on Latin America
on select Wednesdays at 7 PM

Nov 11: Karen Spring, Coordinator for the Honduras Solidarity Network on Central American migrations, and organizing in solidarity after elections

Dec 2: James Goodman, Rochester-based journalist with the Progressive on immigration, sanctuary, and ICE

Jan 6: LASC members Tom Potts & Bill Jungels, reporting on work with health and arts organizing in Chiapas, Mexico

To join the presentations on ZOOM, go to ROCLA's web site: rocla.org

an invitation from Dr. Christine Eber and LASC

Weaving for Justice is an all-volunteer group based in Las Cruces NM which assists Maya weavers and their families in Chiapas Mexico to stay on their ancestral lands by selling their textiles through fair trade markets. Textiles can be purchased at their website www.weaving-for-justice.org

All proceeds go back to the cooperatives.

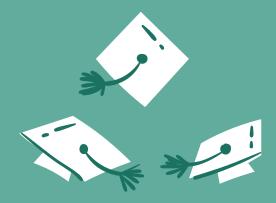
During the pandemic they also send monthly donations to the co-ops. Donations can be made on the "DONATE" button at the bottom of their website homepage. Contact them at: weavingforjustice@gmail.com



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Niagara University
SUNY Buffalo State College



...AND TO MANY, MANY MORE!

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to work with youth members/partners/allies

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WNY Peace Center - Medaille Chapter

Peace Action - Canisius College

Peace Action - Niagara University

WNY Youth Climate Council

Buffalo State College - WBNY; Student Political Society

UB School of Social Work

UB Student Association

UB Black Student Union

Daemen College, School of Social Work

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