



PEACE, SOLIDARITY, ANTI-MILITARISM & RELATED WORKSHOPS AT THE 2010 US SOCIAL FORUM

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The below list of antiwar and related workshops and “Peoples Movement Assemblies” at the upcoming U.S. Social Forum is organized by Date. Each entry includes the Session Title, Time and Location, Contact Person with Email Address, Sponsoring Organization(s) and Workshop Description. The list is as complete as possible but with over 1,000 sessions altogether at USSF some sessions have likely been inadvertently omitted. If you have information about a workshop that should be added, please email info@war-times.org. For the full schedule of all workshops, assemblies, cultural performances and activities at the Social forum, go to www.ussf2010.org/program.

The list begins with the antiwar rally and march planned for the Social Forum’s opening day.

TUESDAY, JUNE 22

Stop the Wars Rally and Feeder March

Tue, 06/22/2010 3:30-4:00 pm

McNamara Federal Building; Corner of Cass & Michigan Avenues

Contact: Michigan Peace Action 248-548-3920

First Sponsoring Organization: Michigan Peace Action

Event Description: Join peace activists & anti-war organizations from around the U.S. With the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan having now spent \$1trillion with no end in sight, draining necessary funds for human needs, our voices need to be heard! Those assembled will be joined by a feeder march from the DTE Energy Plaza. Together we will merge with the main march and continue on to Cobo Hall for the opening of the US Social Forum.

Money For Jobs, Not For War

Bring The Troops Home Now!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23

Beyond Petroleum: Boycott BP, Bury the Hummer, and Ground the Drones: Evolving from an Oil-based Warfare State to a Green, Peaceful Nation

Wed, June 23, 10 am – Noon

WSU Student Center 16:

Contact: Rae Abileah, codepink.rae@gmail.com

2 hours

First Sponsoring Organization: CODEPINK: Women for Peace

Collaborating Organizations: Global Exchange

Workshop Description: It's time to evolve from an Oil-based Warfare State to a Green, Peaceful Nation! Interested in building a green, peace economy using nonviolent, creative tactics? This year we witnessed a catastrophic oil spill on our shores, caused by BP and government willingness to pursue offshore oil drilling; this year US taxpayers will contribute to the largest spending on military defense ever--with funds going to war profiteers like Blackwater, Northrop Grumman and General Atomics to fund military occupations and build new killing machines like drones. Meanwhile, oil companies and dirty corporations try to hold on to the old resource-reaping economy. Share strategies and learn about new ways to create a vibrant alternative. We'll also be creating an art installation/ceremony in Detroit to celebrate the death of the Hummer (it just went out of business!) and the birth of the new economy. Workshop presenters include: Medea Benjamin, cofounder of CODEPINK and Global Exchange; Rae Abileah, CODEPINK Grassroots Organizer; Nancy Mancias CODEPINK Ground the Drones Campaigner. Our workshops and offerings will be dynamic and engaging - please join us in conversation and action! We are excited to be bringing this action idea into the US Social Forum and welcome collaborations from local and national groups. If you are interested in joining the Bury the Hummer action team or have ideas to offer, please email [rae\[at\]codepink.org](mailto:rae[at]codepink.org).

We Are Not Your Soldiers - Bringing Reality and Resistance into Classrooms with Anti-War Veterans

Wed, 06/23/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cobo Hall: D3-22

Contact: Lina Thorne, lina@worldcantwait.net

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: World Can't Wait

Workshop Description: For nine long years, wars of aggression have been delivered by the US to not only Iraq, Afghanistan but to Pakistan, and beyond under the guise of the "War on Terror" (now called "Global Contingency Operation" by Obama). A whole generation of youth is offered training by the military, enlistment bonuses, and told they will be "better off" or "have a real future" by joining the military, at time of unending war and economic distress. *We Are Not Your Soldiers* sets out to dispel the myths behind military recruitment and the glory that is portrayed, not by giving youth alternatives to the military, but by going deeply into the truth of what the recruiters are asking them to do once in the military, and empowering youth to resist recruiters themselves. Activists with World Can't Wait have teamed up with Iraq, Afghanistan and Vietnam era veterans, using videos and personal accounts to show the horror that the US military inflicts on people in other countries. These presentations motivate youth and students to resist military recruiters, based on a solid foundation of moral opposition to war crimes, as part of an overall anti-war movement that aims to actually bring these wars to an end.

Working for Peace and Social Justice in Michigan:

A People's Movement Assembly

Wed, 06/23/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: 03-45

Contact: Laura Russello, jkullber@emich.edu

4 Hours PMA

First Sponsoring Organization: Michigan Peaceworks

Collaborating Organizations: Interfaith Council for Peace and Justice, Michigan Peace Team, Megiddo Peace Project

Workshop Description: Working for Peace and Social Justice in Michigan brings together leaders, organizers, activists, and supporters of the many peace and social justice organizations in Michigan. The primary purpose of the PMA is to establish a framework for long-term collaboration and develop a plan of action for strengthening the peace movement in our communities. Through collaboration and expanding our outreach and educational programs, we believe that we can connect and mobilize the hundreds of thousands, if not millions, of citizens in our state who oppose war, militarism, and harmful public policies that rely on coercion and punishment. We will share our visions of peace and justice and consider how we can build peace from the ground up by offering alternative models of community and supporting policies and programs that strengthen human rights. We will also discuss how the work for peace and social justice in Michigan is a part of the national and global struggle for a better world and identify positive actions that we can take to support that struggle. The specific agenda of the PMA will be developed through consultation with representatives from all of the groups involved. However, the agenda will be oriented toward the achievement of three overarching purposes or goals: to allow participants to learn about the structure and activities of other peace organizations; to promote capacity building; to develop statewide and regional projects. Through pursuit of these goals, the PMA will contribute to the development of a genuine statewide movement for peace in Michigan.

How to help a soldier quit the Army

Wed, 06/23/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cobo Hall: DO-02B

Contact: James M. Branum, jmb@jmbzine.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Oklahoma Center for Conscience

Workshop Description: This workshop would provide training on how to conduct "triage" level counseling to assist members of the U.S. Army who are seeking to be discharged and/or who are AWOL. Attendees would learn about the basic kinds of military discharges, the documentation needed by soldiers to seek such discharges, and the resources available on to assist soldiers in need.

**Stopping the Invasion of the Body Snatchers:
An Introduction to Countering Military Recruitment**

Wed, 06/23/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WSU Old Main: O174

Contact: Jesus Palafox, jpalafox@afsc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: National Network Opposing the Militarization of Youth

Collaborating Organizations: War Resister League and Peace Action-Wisconsin

Workshop Description: Military recruiters routinely use devious methods to convince hundreds of thousands of young people to join the military every year. Peace and justice groups across the country are challenging the militarization of, and promoting nonviolent opportunities for, youth. In this participatory workshop, we will discuss how to begin countering military recruitment and share ideas for making existing projects even more effective. Topics may include: strategic planning, utilizing research on military recruitment, reaching diverse audiences, how to gain access to schools equal to that of military recruiters, researching and promoting nonviolent alternatives, and countering various forms of recruitment. The presenters are some of the national leaders in the movement, and include high school students and parents from both urban and rural areas.

Building a Movement to Combat Increased US Militarism

Wed, 06/23/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: D3-19

Contact: Chuck Kaufman, chuck@afgj.org

4 Hours PMA

First Sponsoring Organization: Alliance for Global Justice

Collaborating Organizations: Latin America Solidarity Coalition,
Global Exchange, La Voz de los de Abajo, National Network on Cuba

Workshop Description: The greatest threat to world peace in the 21st century is US militarism. Wars of aggression in Iraq and Afghanistan/Pakistan. Threats of war from Asia, Africa to Latin America. Increased military build-up in Latin America with 7 new bases in Colombia and the recommissioned Fourth Fleet patrolling the Caribbean and South America. Training foreign soldiers in schools such as the School of the Americas. The Pentagon consumes half of the US discretionary budget and equals the military spending of the rest of the world combined. The Pentagon is now one of the top polluters in the world. Discuss building an unstoppable US movement against militarism and militarization at home and interference abroad. Bring your strategy and campaign ideas to this open discussion about how to build a permanent anti-militarism movement that transcends "specific war" anti-war movements. Discuss the military, political, and cultural changes that need to take place to end the dominance of the military-industrial complex in the United States.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Blueprint For a Nonviolent World

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: D3-24

Contact: Joan L Tirak, tirakpaxmi@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Pax Christi Michigan

Workshop Description: Many people cannot see beyond the corporate capitalist system we are enmeshed in, or see beyond their own immediate effort to change things. This workshop lays out a blueprint of the world we can create and what it can look like. It argues for some startling elements of a better world most people have not considered, and the reason they are desirable. It draws on many of Gandhi's insights, such as his two dimensions of Constructive Program (building the new in the shell of the old) and Nonviolent Resistance. It challenges our concept of "civilization," calling for radical decentralization of power and direct democracy that is human and earth-friendly. Nonviolence as the way is more revolutionary than revolutionary violence. The blueprint involves transforming ourselves, such as getting rid of most of our wants, and simplifying the world we are working to transform. The workshop moves to conversation, including in small groups, about what efforts participants are engaged in, and how these all fit together in the bigger picture. Folks should leave the workshop with a more comprehensive view of global change and with energy arising from a more united sense of solidarity in our struggle for the world we know is possible and that we are committed to creating. Presenter: Fr. C. Peter Dougherty, Michigan Peace Team. Discussion facilitator: Joan Tirak, Pax Christi Michigan.

Building Cross-Continental Grassroots Resistance to U.S. Militarization - Strategy session connecting the United States Social Forum and the SOA Watch Encuentro in Venezuela

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: D3-16

Contact: Hendrik Voss, hvoss@soaw.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: School of the Americas Watch (SOA Watch)

Collaborating Organizations: Imagin Action, Latin America Solidarity Coalition (LASC), Alliance for Global Justice

Workshop Description: While the USSF is taking place in Detroit, anti-militarization activists and human rights defenders from across the Americas will be gathering to strategize in Venezuela at the SOA Watch Encuentro. The dates of the Encuentro were deliberately chosen to coincide with the USSF in order to connect the two historic events. The connection will strengthen the bond between grassroots peoples movements in the South and the North. We propose a 10-15min live video link from the Encuentro in Venezuela to the main plenary at Cobo Hall. The time would be used for a short presentation and a solidarity message by Latin American grassroots leaders to those gathered in Detroit and a message from the people gathered in Detroit to the Encuentro in Venezuela. In addition to the video link at the plenary, we also propose a joint workshop between the USSF and the Encuentro. The workshop will bring together participants in Detroit and in Venezuela to work together in a strategy session about people power resistance to U.S. militarization in the Americas. The workshop would utilize the collaborative democracy software that was developed by may first/pl. For more information about the SOA Watch Encuentro, visit www.SOAW.org/encuentro

**International Law and Gaza:
War crimes, Accountability, and Solidarity**

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

WSU Old Main: 1137

Contact: Noura Erakat, noo194@yahoo.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: US Palestinian Community Network

Workshop Description: This workshop seeks to revisit the war crimes committed in Gaza between December 2008 and January 2009 during Israel's 22-day aerial and ground offensive, Operation Cast Lead. In the aftermath of the offensive, the National Lawyers Guild conducted a fact-finding mission that investigated Israel's alleged war crimes in the 140-square mile Territory against a 1.5 million person population already enduring 60 years of occupation and 18 months of a debilitating siege that had prohibited access to basic goods including clean water, flour, rice, and bread. This workshop will present in pictures and narratives, the war crimes committed by Israel, discuss the political context surrounding the offensive, explore the Goldstone Report and other international efforts to hold Israel to account, and strategize about ongoing campaigns for accountability and lifting the siege.

Building an anti-racist anti-war movement: From the frontlines of Iraq and Afghanistan to the unemployment lines in the USA

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: D2-11

Contact: Catherine Wilkerson, catwilk@sbcglobal.net

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: ANSWER Coalition

Workshop Description: The ANSWER Coalition (Act Now to Stop War & End Racism) will sponsor a panel discussion featuring Mike Prysner, an Iraq war veteran and co-founder of the veterans and service members organization March Forward!, whose gripping Winter Soldier testimony about the brutal and racist character of the occupation forces in Iraq has been viewed 1.5 million times; Eugene Puryear, a longtime organizer at Howard University and a coordinator of the Jena 6 solidarity movement; Crystal Kim, a national organizer for Justice First, a grassroots organization battling against utility shutoffs and rate hikes; and Caneisha Mills, a public schools worker who successfully sued to overturn the military-style checkpoint system being set up in African-American neighborhoods in Washington, D.C. The workshop will include a cultural presentation by award-winning filmmaker Travis Wilkerson. How can we build an anti-racist and anti-war movement? How can that movement achieve real change? Join us to hear presentations by the panelists and participate in a discussion facilitated by Detroit-area organizer Dr. Catherine Wilkerson on these pressing issues.

UFPJ: Shaping, Building and Moving Beyond War to Meeting Human Needs and Aspirations

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: W2-69

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2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: United for Peace and Justice

Workshop Description: United For Peace and Justice is a coalition which formed to oppose the Iraq war and now continues its work to end the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, to abolish nuclear weapons and to connect peace issues to economic and social issues. We recently transformed from a coalition to a network and our last national meeting was in December 2008. The workshop will provide an opportunity for our member groups to come together and discuss the

state of the peace, economic and social movements in the U.S. How can UFPJ strengthen as a network to amplify and forward member groups' work and begin to develop strategies to act as allies and strategies across issues? We hope that participants share thoughts and ideas about what UFPJ can be doing, how UFPJ can do it and how they as member groups will strengthen the network. We want to begin a dialogue about building deeper and stronger relationships with other struggles in an effort to move forward a common agenda for a better world, a world beyond war meeting human needs.

Stopping War, Fighting for Our Jobs and Our Lives

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Westin Book Cadillac Hotel: WB1

Contact: Sara Flounders, sara@peoplesmail.net

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: International Action Center

Collaborating Organizations: MECAWI - Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice in Detroit, BAYAN - Philippine Coalition, FIST – Fight Imperialism Stand Together youth organization, SDS chapter in Minneapolis/St Paul, May 1 Immigrant & Workers Rights Coalition, MAWO Movement Against War & Occupation in Vancouver CA

Workshop Description: We propose a 2 hour discussion panel on Stopping War, Fighting for Our Jobs and Our Lives. The focus will be: the most severe economic crisis in 3 generations has broken out in the midst of two major U.S. occupations in Iraq and Afghanistan, threats on Pakistan, Iran and a new level of war against immigrants- ie Arizona Symbolic anti-war marches are inadequate to challenging the U.S. war drive. Discussion will be on: 1. How are expanding militarism, devastating cuts in social services and attacks on immigrants are connected? 2. How can the anti-war movement combine with the struggle of workers, immigrants and community poor to deal a material blow to the pro-war ruling class? 3. Can Marxists and anarchists form a united front of struggle that sacrifices neither combativeness nor a broad analysis of the needs of the working class and all oppressed people? 4. How can immigrants demanding full legalization and youth opposing cuts in education join in leading this movement? Panel to include: Coordinators of the International Action Center, MECAWI - Michigan Emergency Committee Against War & Injustice in Detroit, BAYAN - Philippine Coalition, FIST – Fight Imperialism Stand Together youth organization, SDS chapter in Minneapolis/St Paul, May 1 Immigrant & Workers Rights Coalition, MAWO Movement Against War & Occupation in Vancouver CA

The Environmental Costs of War and Militarism

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

UAW Building: Navigator

Contact: Laura Russello, jkullber@emich.edu

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Michigan Peaceworks

Workshop Description: Most citizens are aware of the direct human cost of war and the financial burden that a large military imposes on society, but they are less cognizant of the harm done by warfare and militarism to the environment. This workshop will explore the immediate and long-term effects of war and militarism on various aspects of the environment, from depletion and contamination of natural resources, to the negative effects on habitats and biodiversity. Particular attention will be devoted to the way in which the operations of the U.S. military and the weapons manufacturers that supply it are currently affecting the environment, both domestically and globally. The workshop will also consider the way in which activists past and present have attempted to address the environmental consequences of militarism. and participants will be encouraged to consider the strengths and weaknesses of various approaches.

A central goal will be consider the way in which the environmental costs of war can be addressed most effectively by the peace movement and how an environmental focus can contribute to the public's awareness of the dangers of militarism. The workshop will be led by faculty from the University of Michigan School of Natural Resources, the Department of Political Science at Eastern Michigan University, and by activists with expertise in the environment and community organizing from Michigan Peaceworks and the Sierra Club. It will include several group activities that will facilitate understanding of general concepts as well as identification of possible solutions.

Women struggling against militarization and violence against women in war situation

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: W2-65

Contact: Alessandra Ceregatti, alessandra@marchemondiviale.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: World March of Women

Workshop Description: Presentation of World March of Women (WMW) and actions in Colombia and Congo Democratic Republic, in the framework of the WMW Third International Action. Along 2010, under the slogan "Women on the March until we are All Free!," the World March of Women is taking to the streets in all four corners of the world where the movement is present – Africa, Americas, Asia-Oceania and Europe. The first moment of our international action was carried out from 8 to 18 March. The International Action includes decentralised activities (at the country level) and regional activities (in Asia-Oceania, Europe and the Americas, in Colombia). It also includes an international event, focusing on peace and demilitarisation, the mobilisation in Bukavu (South Kivu province), in the Democratic Republic of Congo, that will bring the International Action to an end. Around 500 women will participate in this mobilization in DR Congo, the majority from the African continent, but also from other countries in conflict in the world. The action is organized around four areas: Peace and Demilitarization, Violence against women, Common good and public services and Women's Economic Autonomy.

Gender Militarism and US Corporate Violence in Oil Producing States

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: O2-40

Contact: Sokari Ekine, sokari@blacklooks.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Priority Africa Network (PAN)

Workshop Description: This workshop will focus on the militarisation of the oil producing region of the Niger Delta, Nigeria in order to protect the interests of multinational oil companies and Nigerian political elite. The session will discuss the following questions: What is the nature of militarisation in the region and the relationship between multinational oil companies and the Nigerian state? How is it gendered and how have communities responded? Workshop is important to US participants because: the 2 main multinationals operating in the region, Chevron and Shell are US based companies whose operations also have implications for US citizens; and because of the establishment of the US Africa Command "Africom" in 2007 which expands the role of the US military in Africa and is designed to secure and protect US oil and mineral interests in Africa as well as extend the "war on terror" to African countries. It is hoped that through the discussion we will be able to identify common factors and examine possible campaign strategies as well as build solidarity links between grassroots activists across countries and issues.

Building a Military Resistance Movement: Veterans, Service Members & Allies Organizing Together

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: DO-4C

Contact: Sarah Lazare, sarah.lazare@gmail.com

4 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Civilian Soldier Alliance

Second Sponsoring Organization: Iraq Veterans Against the War

Collaborating Organizations: Courage to Resist

Workshop Description: This is a workshop led by Iraq and Afghanistan veterans and civilian allies who are organizing within the military and veteran communities against the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We aim to provide participants with an introduction to past and current military resistance movements, with a focus on outlining a new organizing model based on campaign building and leadership development. Iraq Veterans Against the War, Civilian Soldier Alliance, and Courage to Resist will detail what our day-to-day organizing work actually looks like. Part of the workshop will be popular education-style discussions to create a space for veteran and ally participants to dialogue about our relationships to, and experiences with, the occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan, militarism, and anti-war and social justice organizing. Finally, through interactive training exercises, participants will be provided with some tools for how to be strong and accountable allies to veterans and service members. We aim to leave participants with ideas about how they can directly plug into our recently launched GI and Veterans Bill of Rights campaign, and how to build solidarity amongst common struggles.

The Militarization of America: At What Cost?

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

UAW Building: Escort

Contact: Jean Athey, jeanathey@verizon.net

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Peace Action Montgomery

Workshop Description: "The Militarization of America: At What Cost" is a Power Point slide presentation that is designed to educate lay people about the dramatic increase in the military budget over the last decade, the expanded role of contractors in the military, and the corruption of democracy brought about by this new militarism. The presentation examines the shocking extent to which our nation has chosen war and military spending over social priorities and how this choice dramatically affects our lives. The presentation is available for free, and the purpose of the workshop is to demonstrate how people can use the slide show and to encourage them to do so in their own communities.

Building the Anti-War/Peace Movement to End Wars and Occupations: Redirect Tax Dollars to Meet Human Needs

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: D3-28

Contact: Michael Carano, michael_carano@hotmail.com

4 Hours PMA

First Sponsoring Organization: National Assembly to End the Iraq and Afghanistan Wars and Occupations

Collaborating Organizations: Code Pink, Progressive Democrats of America, War Resisters League, Peace and Freedom Party of California

Workshop Description: Our Collaborators: US Labor Against the War, Veterans for Peace, International Socialist Organization, World Can't Wait, Code Pink, PDA, ANSWER Coalition, Military Families Speak Out, Movement for a Democratic Society, Pittsburgh Thomas Merton Center, 11th Hour for Peace, Peace of the Action, Washington Peace Center, New England United, National Priorities Project, War Resisters League. Columbus ARMS Control Speakers: Antonia Juhasz, Col. Ann Wright, Retired, Medea Benjamin (Code Pink), Michael McPhearson (VFP & UFPJ), Darlene Gramigna (AFSC), Elaine Brower (WCW), Pete Shell (National Assembly), Gilbert Achcar, and Ahmed Shawki Two panels, Q&A and discussion. 1st panel: current worldview of U.S. wars/occupations, the unsustainable economic affects of militarization, meeting human needs at home. 2nd panel: specific strategies to rebuild & expand the movement to end U.S. wars by emphasizing mass mobilization and Out Now, reaching out to all constituencies affected by war funding, militarism and the national security state. Working to build a mass movement demanding redirection of funds for jobs, education, comprehensive universal health care, green energy, public mass transit, infrastructure... Help unite the movement for change.

Students in the Campus Anti-War Movement

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

TWW: Fourier

Contact: Kas Schwerdtfeger, kas.psom@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Students for a Democratic Society

Workshop Description: This workshop will address the anti-war movement on campuses and how students can continue to organize against the war in the post-Bush era. Attacks in Afghanistan and Iraq continue to rise, and we must continue to build a student anti-war movement in response. We will have a panel of student anti-war activists talking about their experiences, as well as some practical training and small-group breakouts.

Prevent Sanctions and War on Iran

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Wayne County Community College: 348

Contact: Eleanor Ommani, ellieomm@optonline.net

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: American Iranian Friendship Committee (AIFC)

Collaborating Organizations: Wespac Foundation

Workshop Description: Native Iranians present data and video on Economic and Political Realities inside Iran, and analyze the mischaracterizations in the Western-U.S. media about Iranian society and its government. Discussion of methods used by the U.S. media to demonize Iran and its leaders, to contain and isolate Iran while preparing for war and "regime change". This workshop will address the issue of Zionism, it's oneness with U.S. imperialism and show how Zionism is the primary threat to peace and stability in the Middle East. Linking the struggle

of the Iranian people with the struggle of the oppressed people of Palestine and building solidarity with their allies in oppressed communities in the U.S., Palestine and around the world is a goal of this workshop.

Ending the Afghanistan War

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cobo Hall: DO-01B

Contact: Cole Harrison, rozziicole@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: United for Peace and Justice

Collaborating Organizations: Peace Action Education Fund, Institute for Policy Studies, Detroit Area Peace with Justice

Workshop Description: The U.S./NATO occupation of Afghanistan is in its ninth year, yet the people of Afghanistan are being devastated by the conflict. Afghanistan ranks 181st out of 182 countries on the U.N. Human Development Index; 2,412 civilians were killed in 2009 including 1,050 children. The government is in the hands of warlords and the corrupt Karzai government as the US escalates its military footprint and refuses to negotiate. The workshop will share ideas and make connections to build the movement to end the US occupation and bring the troops home. Panelists: David Wildman and Phyllis Bennis are co-authors of the newly published book *Ending the US War in Afghanistan: A Primer*. Wildman is Executive Secretary for Human Rights and Racial Justice, United Methodist Church. He will show slides from his most recent trip to Afghanistan in May 2010. Bennis is director of the New Internationalism Project at the Institute for Policy Studies. Paul Kawika Martin is Organizing and Political Director of Peace Action. He will have an update on Congress. Prasad Venugopal is a member of the Detroit Area Peace and Justice Network. Cole Harrison is co-convenor of the Afghanistan Working Group of UFPJ.

Building solidarity with working people and unions in Iraq and other U.S. war zones

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WSU Old Main: 103

Contact: Michael Eisenscher, nationalcoordinator@uslaboragainstawar.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW)

Workshop Description: International labor solidarity is more than a slogan or a clarion call. It is essential to the welfare of workers and unions facing off against multinational corporations and capital flight in a globalized economy. The impediments to organizing international solidarity in support of workers in struggle are great, more so when those workers are in a nation embroiled in a military conflict, especially when that conflict involves the US and its military forces. How do we build solidarity with the workers and labor movement of Iraq in a war zone? What forms of support are needed? What kinds of activities are effective? US Labor Against the War (USLAW) has developed solidarity with the unions and labor movement of Iraq. The workshop will review that experience and consider how it might apply in Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, Iran, Palestine or other war zones?

End the war economy! Develop an economy for peace!

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WSU Manoogian: 289

Contact: Carol Urner, carol.disarm@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Women's International League for Peace and Freedom, U.S. Section (WILPF)

Workshop Description: Participants and presenters will explore ways the military and corporations support each other and profit from endless war. We will share tools and strategies for transforming our war economy into the peace economy we want and need. There will be special emphasis on • rampant corporate profiteering in multi-trillion dollar Middle Eastern wars for oil, and even larger budgets sought by the Pentagon to develop robotic warfare and control the solar system and earth below. • the recent Supreme Court decision in Citizens United v FEC, affirming corporate constitutional rights of personhood and allowing corporations to spend unlimited money to control our elections. • tools and strategies for ending endless war and building a peace economy with racial justice, care for the planet earth, government of, for and by the people, and with economic justice and human rights for all. Theater, in the form of short skits, will be used to introduce basic concepts and invite participant response. These will be followed by group discussion and/or break-out groups, participatory exercises, and sing alongs with WILPF's popular Raging Grannies. Participants will share a variety of resources and tools from WILPF and their own and cooperating organizations. They will explore positive alternatives that can help us build the beloved community. These include ways we can use the network of United Nations Human Rights and Disarmament treaties to make possible the world we want.

Another Peace Is Possible--Understanding How Militarism Harms Women and Working Together To Create A Women-Inclusive Peace

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Wayne County Community College: MP

Contact: Lucinda Marshall, fpn@feministpeacenet.org

4 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Feminist Peace Network

Second Sponsoring Organization: AF3IRM/GABNet

Collaborating Organizations: Women in Transition

Workshop Description: This panel will look at militarism through a gendered lens & discuss ways in which U.S. militarism is specifically harmful to women. Topics will include sexual assault in the ranks, problems faced by women vets, sex trafficking near bases & the impact on civilian women in conflict areas, specifically Iraq & Afghanistan. We will examine how the chronic shortage of funding for social services impacts & endangers women in the U.S. while at the same time there is always enough money for the military. Panelists will also share thoughts on specific ways to change this paradigm. Panelists include Ret. Col. Ann Wright, of Veterans for Peace, Lucinda Marshall, Director of the Feminist Peace Network, Khallilah Collins of Women in Transition (KY) & Olivia Quinto, National Education Director for AF3IRM/GABNet. While it is important to name the problem, it is also crucial to name what we wish for & need. The second half will be a facilitated discussion of how we envision a peace that respects the human rights of women & strategies for creating a women-inclusive peace.

**United Against Racism & War:
From Arizona to New Orleans to Palestine**

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: O2-44

Contact: Sara Kershna, skershna@earthlink.net

4 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network

Collaborating Organizations: United States Palestinian Community Network; Malcom X Grassroots Movement; Left Turn;

Workshop Description: The panel will look at anti-racist struggle as a framework for the building of a movement for racial justice from New Orleans to Gaza, from Juarez to Bi'lin. The workshop will then discuss implications for building joint struggles against racism experienced by communities in the US and those impacted by US policies abroad, with a specific focus on US support for Israel. Panelists will share ideas on the meaning of joint struggle, examples of successful joint struggle, and challenges and barriers to working together across communities and struggles. The workshop hopes to advance principles for joint struggle, identify shared demands across our struggles, and discuss opportunities for working together in the year ahead.

Who Decides About War? Who Should Decide?

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cobo Hall: O2-41

Contact: Ben Manski, manski@libertytreefdr.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Liberty Tree Foundation for the Democratic Revolution

Collaborating Organizations: Veterans for Peace, After Downing Street, Iraq Veterans Against the War, Military Families Speak Out, Peace Action, Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice

Workshop Description: Who decides about war and peace? Congress? The President? The Courts? The People? Who should decide? What kind of national defense should the United States have? What kind of military? "Who Decides About War" will be a national meeting confronting essential questions raised by the U.S. invasions and occupations of Iraq and Afghanistan. We will bring together activists and academics, public officials and veterans, lawyers and military families. We will work together to accomplish two goals. First, to educate ourselves and each other about the issues involved, the state of the law, and alternatives. Second, to develop a statement of common principles leading to a more democratic, comprehensive, and durable national defense policy — one that will honor the Constitution and help keep the United States from entering into wars of empire.

Megaprojects and the Militarization of Mexico

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cobo Hall: D2-09

Contact: Maryann Tenuto-Sanchez, cezmat@igc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Chiapas Support Committee

Collaborating Organizations: Beehive Collective, LASC

Workshop Description: Mexico is heavily militarized and the US encourages this militarization through the billion-dollar Merida Initiative (Plan Mexico), a plan to stop drug running across the border. However, much of the Mexican Army is deployed to areas other than the border. These are often areas where megaprojects are planned: airports, super-highways, ports, dams and tourist projects. The extraction of oil, minerals and genetic material also produces militarization and violence. The workshop begins with an artistic presentation by the Beehive Collective about the Plan Puebla-Panama (PPP), now re-named the Mesoamerica Project, a regional development

plan that encompasses all the states of Southern Mexico, the countries of Central America and Colombia. A digital (power point) presentation by the Chiapas Support Committee follows about conflicts that have arisen due to megaprojects throughout Southern Mexico, with special emphasis on the state of Chiapas, where the Zapatistas present a strong resistance to developers. Discussions will focus on developing a shared analysis and identifying different strategies for building a transnational movement against militarization and for supporting communities based on social justice and human rights.

Impact of the introduction of U.S. military bases on Colombian sovereignty

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WSU Old Main: 1119

Contact: Fernando Salamanca, colombianobases@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Coalición no bases Colombia

Workshop Description: La expansión militar de Estados Unidos se refuerza en momentos en que sus políticas económicas a traviesan por el peor momento de la historia. La cesión absoluta de la soberanía colombiana por parte del gobierno de Uribe Vélez a través de la concesión para emplazar las tropas militares estadounidenses de siete bases colombianas, plantea serias preocupaciones para el movimiento social latinoamericano y los gobiernos progresistas. El acceso que le permiten estas bases por agua, aire y tierra a todo el territorio nacional y continental y hacia África, les garantiza sostener el control sobre fuentes de energía, recursos minerales y de biodiversidad. No hay que olvidar que la pérdida de autodeterminación nacional a través de los Tratados de Libre Comercio, ha profundizado la ya precaria situación social y económica, afectando negativamente a la mayoría de sus habitantes. El movimiento social y las organizaciones de todo tipo empiezan a confluir en espacios de concertación que permiten la resistencia pacífica por la soberanía y la democracia. El taller que realizaremos busca explicar las implicaciones de las bases militares norteamericanas para la autodeterminación del rumbo colombiano.

Honduras: A New Kind of Military Coup - A New Kind of Resistance

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: D3-25

Contact: Victoria Cervantes, vickicervantes@yahoo.com

4 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: La Voz de los de Abajo

Workshop Description: The June 2009 coup in Honduras is a new experiment by the regional oligarchy and U.S. interests looking to control the region. The immediate, massive ongoing resistance is also a new experiment for the people's movements. Trade unions, peasant organizations, feminist, LGBT, religious and indigenous organizations, student groups, artists and neighborhood committees are working together in the National Front of Popular Resistance. The resistance organizations have already started holding popular assemblies to begin the process of a mass participatory re-founding of Honduras. The experience of the movement in Honduras offers activists in the U.S. not only a call or solidarity but also lessons in building a movement. This workshop will feature speakers from the Honduran resistance movement and US participants in delegations to Honduras since the coup. The presentation will include multimedia (video, audio and photos). There will be an emphasis on interaction and dialogue. Short video clips will be shown and discussed that show the resistance movement and repression and include interviews with all the sectors of the movement.

Challenging Robotic Empire: how we can unplug the new machinery of military/police control through community resistance

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: 02-36

Contact: Peter Lumsdaine, tierralinda@live.com

4 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Alliance to Resist Robotic Warfare & Society (ARROWS)

Second Sponsoring Organization: War Resisters League

Collaborating Organizations: Save Our Civil Liberties, Nevada Desert Experience, CodePink, Global Network Against Weapons & Nuclear Power in Space

Workshop Description: 21st century popular movements, humanity, and the Earth's ecological fabric increasingly face a rapidly intensifying, terrifyingly real - but defeatable - matrix of emerging robotic weaponry, surveillance and control, as the corporate/military empire's new Industrial Revolution supercharges its war machine(s) and domestic control grid with robotics, biotech and nanotechnology - from the drone-bombed Pakistani villages to La Frontera and US neighborhoods. This workshop will engage participants in an interactive and strategic process to help popular movements pierce the illusion of "sanitized" war and sophisticated 21st century social control, while empowering people to effective resistance and alternatives: with presentation, interactive discussion, visuals, music, and action planning - including reports from organizing going on in Pittsburgh, DC, San Diego, Hood River, and Nevada - as we approach the bicentennial of the groundbreaking 1811 Luddite workers uprising. Presenters: David Meieran, Nancy Lopez Mancias, Peter Lumsdaine, Joanne Sheehan, Jim Haber.

The War Comes Home - Military Spying on the Peace Movement in Puget Sound

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: 02-41

Contact: Larry Hildes, lhildes@earthlink.net

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: National Lawyers Guild-Bellingham

Collaborating Organizations: Port Militarization Resistance, Center for Constitutional Rights

Workshop Description: In July 2009 The Army got caught infiltrating and spying on a group of peaceful anti-war activists in Olympia, WA. Subsequent research has revealed that the illegal spying involved virtually every law enforcement agency in Puget Sound and beyond, 4 of the 5 branches of the military (including the Coast Guard) and was focused on disrupting all organizing and making it impossible for the group to hold any demonstration. Dozens of arrests, at least as many injuries from attacks on peaceful gatherings with less lethal munitions and pepper spray resulted. What are the implications for peaceful protest in the US? What happens when the military invades our lives here at home? How do we organize and demonstrate in the face of this spying How do we make it an organizing tool? Our panel will attempt to answer these and more questions and engage in a wide-ranging discussion about people's experiences with Cointelpro and since. Come with questions and solutions.

**Galvanizing Communities of Color
Against War & U.S. Imperialism**

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

WSU Cohn: 220

Contact: Hany Khalil, hanykhalil@igc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: War Times/Tiempo de Guerras

Collaborating Organizations: Grassroots Global Justice

Workshop Description: Sentiment in low-income communities of color and indigenous communities is heavily against the drive for war and empire initiated by the Bush Administration and continued by the Obama administration, yet the potential for organizing these communities to take organized action against the war has not been fully tapped. Galvanizing this sentiment into more organized action can help free up federal budgetary resources to address the needs of oppressed communities and bring power of the movement against U.S. imperialism. This workshop will explore the challenges and opportunities available to strengthening organized action against war and militarism within communities of color.

The Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, and Sanctions (BDS) Movement: Inspiring Social Justice Activism

Thurs, 06/24/2010, 3:30-5:30 pm

UAW Building: Lincoln

Contact: Daniel Strum, bio190d@gmail.com

2 hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Adalah-NY: The New York Campaign for the Boycott of Israel

Collaborating Organizations: CODEPINK: Women for Peace

Workshop Description: Through presentation, discussion, and group work, we will explore tools, strengths, and creative tactics used in the Palestinian Boycott, Divestment, Sanctions (BDS) movement. In 2005, Palestinian civil society, rooted in the legacy of Palestinian resistance to colonialism and inspired by the South African anti-apartheid movement, called on the int'l grassroots community to support Palestinian efforts to transform their conditions and attain self-determination by implementing BDS. Organizations and individuals around the world have joined the BDS movement to hold Israel accountable for violations of international law and Palestinian human rights. Through street and store actions, videos, dance, music, and new media, the growing BDS movement has achieved many successes. Join us as we highlight two US-based BDS campaigns: Adalah-NY's campaign against Lev Leviev, the Israeli diamond magnate and settlement builder; and CODEPINK's campaign against Ahava, the Israeli cosmetics company that appropriates Palestinian resources. While this workshop is geared towards Palestine solidarity activists involved in or thinking about BDS campaigns, other activists with limited resources may find the tactics useful in their own work.

Peacebuilder delegations to Israel Palestine

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

WSU Manoogian: 112

Contact: Katherine Fuchs, katherine.endtheoccupation@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Interfaith Peace-Builders

Workshop Description: Participants will come away with a better understanding of how civilian diplomacy and collective action can be tools to bring peace and justice to Israelis and Palestinians. Facilitators will make audio/visual presentations about peacemaker delegations to Palestine/Israel and strategies to empower Palestinian nonviolent struggle against occupation. The workshop will include an interactive activity deconstructing the ethno-religious privilege of

participants. Facilitators will spend half of the workshop engaging participants in critical discussion about the role of Americans in nonviolent solidarity with people living under occupation. Strategies to bring human rights and international law to Israel/Palestine will focus on accompaniment programs, nonviolent protest, and the boycott, divestment, and sanctions movement.

'American Lake' or Ka Moana Nui?:

Demilitarization movements in the Asia-Pacific

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: D2-10

Contact: Kyle Kajihiro, kkajihiro@afsc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: AFSC Hawaii Office

Collaborating Organizations: Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice, Nodutdol, Grassroots Global Justice

Workshop Description: Since the 1890s, the US has treated the Pacific Ocean as an 'American Lake'. Today, it seeks a drastic expansion of military bases in the region, primarily to contain a rising China. But movements against US bases in the Asia-Pacific are rising up and declaring a different vision of Ka Moana Nui (the great ocean) as a zone of peace and security through peoples' solidarity. The voices of peoples of the Pacific are rarely heard in the US. Find out about demilitarization efforts in the Asia-Pacific and how people in the U.S. can be in solidarity. Participants will gain a better understanding of: 1) the crucial role of Pacific islands to the maintenance and expansion of American Empire; 2) the disastrous impacts this network of bases has on the countries and peoples of the Asia-Pacific; and 3) the movements that are resisting U.S. militarization in the Pacific. This will be a panel discussion with representatives from Asia-Pacific nations who are knowledgeable and active in anti-bases struggles. The format will be a panel discussion with some multimedia aids. Activists working on anti-bases movements in Hawai'i, Guahan/Guam, and Korea will be on a panel.

The New Africa Command and U.S. Military Involvement in Africa

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

UAW Building: PRES

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2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: African Security Research Project

Collaborating Organizations: Institute for Policy Studies

Workshop Description: The workshop will examine the creation and missions of the new U.S. military command for Africa (Africom) and the impact of growing U.S. military involvement in Africa on the continent and on the United States. In addition to overall U.S. military involvement in Africa, the workshop will focus on the situation in the Democratic Republic of Congo and on the role of the International Criminal Court in the resolution of African conflicts.

Transnational Feminist Organizing to Resist Militarism & Empire

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

WSU Student Center: 786

Contact: Gwyn Kirk, gwyn@igc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Women for Genuine Security

Collaborating Organizations: Esperanza Peace and Justice Center, Global Fund for Women, Grassroots Global Justice, Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice, World March of Women.

Workshop Description: The military is fundamental to maintaining and advancing empire, and U.S. military bases connect thousands of affected communities in diverse locations worldwide. In response, women of color-led efforts are challenging empire and its most powerful tool, the military. This panel highlights three communities currently on the front lines of resisting U.S. military expansion: the proposed military build-up on Guahan (Guam), the new U.S. base and ongoing military aid to Colombia, and the militarization of the U.S.-Mexico border and immigration policy. Speakers include LisaLinda Natividad (Guahan Coalition for Peace and Justice), Deborah Lee and Gwyn Kirk (Bay Area-based Women for Genuine Security), a representative from the World March of Women in Colombia, and members of Esperanza Peace and Justice Center in San Antonio, Texas. They will discuss how they are using feminist politics to work across borders to resist the militarization and cultural genocide of their own communities, as well as working in solidarity with other communities.

The Struggle for New National Priorities

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

WSU Old Main: 1305

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2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Boston United for Justice with Peace

Collaborating Organizations: Peace Action of Michigan

Workshop Description: Section I: The Impact of Military Spending will cover: costs of ongoing war in Afghanistan/Pakistan; useless and/or dangerous weapons; reduction of military spending/assuring national security; identification of localized dependency to military contracts. Section II Alternative Spending Priorities/Creating Jobs/Revitalizing Communities will cover: planned conversion, military to sustainable & peaceful economy(mass transit, infrastructure repair, expanded health care, non-fossil energy, education). Section III Broadening the Base of Struggle will cover: local public/private model programs; support of city, county, state elected officials; model resolutions; support of local and national labor bodies; framing the issues for Congressional Elections - district by district. * Workshop Resources **Paul Kawika Martin, Organizing, Political & PAC Director Peace Action **Frank Hammer, UAW International Director, Retired **Heidi Garrett-Peltier, Conversion Researcher **Fund Our Communities by Cutting the Military Budget 25% (Boston) Workshop consists of presentations followed by Q&A in each section, leading to action steps

Disarmament Summer:

Stories of Action and Resistance to the Nuclear Cycle.

Thu, 06/24/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: 02-39

Contact: Erin Placey, eplacey@gmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Think Outside the Bomb

Collaborating Organizations: Multicultural Alliance for a Safe Environment (MASE), TEWA Women United (Tribal Environmental Watch Alliance), Building Actions for a Sustainable Environment (BASE), Kansas City Peaceworks

Workshop Description: Stories honor both the diversity and commonality of human experience and the need for connection. The voices and stories of communities directly affected by nuclear activities (hibakusha, downwinders, mining communities, nuclear plant workers, atomic veterans, and many more) are omitted from the mainstream narrative. The path to a nuclear-free future can only be forged by addressing the legacy of racism, violence, and silencing. These communities have powerful narratives that hold deep truths about the nuclear complex and ways to overcome it. Our workshop will explore ways directly affected communities are speaking out and organizing against nuclear injustice and ways to work in solidarity for nuclear abolition. The presenting organizations are all currently involved in campaigns directly opposing stages of the nuclear cycle. These campaigns include: Resisting Uranium mine permitting in NM, expansion of the Pantex facility in Kansas City, MO, a Plutonium Pit production facility at Los Alamos, working to expand healthcare coverage to former mine workers, RECA and working to reignite a youth antinuclear movement. Our workshop will be interactive and assume that every participant brings something to the table. It will be fun and participants will walk away with concrete skills and ideas on how they can add their own energy to these on-going campaigns and how to get involved in solidarity work with people in direct opposition to the nuclear cycle.

FRIDAY, JUNE 25

Peacemaking, Solidarity and Undoing Racism: A Journey Towards Listening

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: D2-15

Contact: Tim Nafziger, timn@cpt.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Christian Peacemaker Teams

Workshop Description: Christian Peacemaker Teams (CPT) partners with communities in Colombia, Palestine, Iraq and North America that are working to build lasting peace and justice in and around their homes. Over the last few years, CPT has been working to integrate an undoing oppressions analysis into our work as a community. Anti-racism work in particular has changed the way we see ourselves as an organization. For example, our work in the Magdalena Media region of Colombia has been shaped significantly by the perspectives of Colombians joining a team that started out in 2001 as largely white and North American. Rather than North Americans seeing themselves as the central peacemakers, we've come to see local communities as the main actors in their work to build a just peace for themselves and their children. Our work as CPT is to come alongside them in that struggle and support them through advocacy, human rights work and public actions. We'll share about some of the challenges, successes, failures, questions and insights we have had along the way. We will leave a substantial part of the workshop for question and answer. We'd also like to hear participant's experiences have been in the organizations or networks of which they are a part.

Current context/common visions:

Building antiwar strategy in the Obama era

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Cobo Hall: DO-5B

Contact: Kimber Heinz, kimber@warresisters.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: War Resisters League

Collaborating Organizations: Catalyst Project, Civilian Soldier Alliance

Workshop Description: We will engage participants in a dialogue on strategies for antimilitarist organizing in the U.S. At the beginning of the session, facilitators will lead activities in which participants will analyze the current landscape for antiwar organizing. This includes the complexities of living in the Obama era, the TEA party movement, and the relationship between the current economic collapse and U.S. militarism. Following this will be a discussion of current U.S. wars and occupations and the increasing trend towards privatization in the military. From there, participants will assess antiwar and antimilitarist organizing strategies that were used during the Bush era and those that are still used today, including G.I. resistance support, counter-recruitment, mass mobilization, and grassroots antiwar base-building. Through exercises and case studies, the larger group will engage questions about what worked well then, what continues to work well, and how we can update our strategies in response to current conditions. The goal of this session will be to get people engaged in a participatory dialogue about concrete steps that we can take to build effective organizing strategies and to plug more people into antimilitarist organizing.

Talking to workers and unions about war, military spending and U.S. foreign policy

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

UAW Building: Ford 1031

Contact: Michael Eisenscher, nationalcoordinator@uslaboragainstawar.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: U.S. Labor Against the War (USLAW)

Workshop Description: Most union leaders don't consider foreign policy to be a core labor issue. Aside from trade, immigration and (during the Cold War) anti-communism, the labor movement has largely avoided debates about US foreign policy and the deployment of the US military around the world. In its first 50 years, the AFL-CIO never opposed commitment of U.S. forces anywhere in the world until 2005 when members of US Labor Against the War successfully spearheaded adoption of a convention resolution to put the AFL-CIO on record for rapid withdrawal from Iraq. Since then, USLAW has begun to make US foreign policy a legitimate issue for debate in the labor movement. It makes the connection between war, militarism and the economic crisis and argues for shifting the nation's resources from militarism to meeting human needs and creating a sustainable peace economy. This workshop will describe this effort and will explore with participants approaches and educational materials used. Participants will discuss obstacles and arguments they encounter when trying to discuss these issues, and ways of overcoming resistance to treating U.S. foreign policy and military spending as a vital concern to unions and union members.

The Way Forward: Strategy, Tactics and Seeding BDS in the US

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: O3-46

Contact: hind.awwad@bdsmovement.net

4 Hours PMA

First Sponsoring Organization: Boycott Divestment and Sanctions National Committee

Collaborating Organizations: United Against Racism, International Campaign Against the Jewish National Fund, US Palestinian Community Network

Workshop Description: The Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions (BDS) movement is the most effective form of solidarity in support of Palestinians. Since the Israeli war on Gaza, BDS has grown exponentially in the United States. Countless campaigns across the country have called for churches, campuses, municipalities, as well as corporations, to divest from Israel so long as it continues to violate Palestinian rights. This session seeks to bring together all these campaigns, as well as social justice organizations across all issues, to strategize on how best to expand the BDS movement across the US. The session will work to encourage social justice movements to take on BDS within their own work. It will open up space for BDS campaigners to think together with social justice organizers on how best to move forward, seed more campaigns across the country, and more effectively bring BDS into the core of the social justice movement.

Eyewitness to War: Afghan and Iraqi Perspectives

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: W1-53

Contact: Peter Lems, plems@afsc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: AFSC Antiwar Campaigns

Workshop Description: Interactive panel discussion with Iraqi and Afghan activists working to end the wars. Eyewitness accounts, analysis and strategies for U.S. alternatives to war. Moderator: Peter Lems, Program Director for education and advocacy on Iraq and Afghanistan at the American Friends Service Committee • Dr. Zaher Wahab, Education Professor at Lewis and Clark College and just returned from four months teaching in Kabul. • Raed Jarrar, AFSC Iraq

Consultant and Senior Fellow Peace Action • Ghulam Farooq, Senior Advisor, Afghanistan Human Rights Organization, Kabul • Mary Zerkel, National Coordinator, Eyes Wide Open/Cost of War Campaigns American Friends Service Committee. Dr. Zaher Wahab Served as a senior advisor to the Minister of Higher Education in Afghanistan for five years from 2002-2007, and was instrumental in designing and now teaching the only Masters Degree program for teacher education faculty throughout Afghanistan. Raed Jarrar is an Iraqi-born architect, blogger, and political analyst. After the U.S.-led invasion, he became the country director for CIVIC Worldwide, the only door-to-door casualty survey group in post-war Iraq. He also established an NGO called Emaar, (meaning "reconstruction" in Arabic), a grassroots organization that provided humanitarian and political aid to Iraqi internally displaced persons. Ghulam Farooq is a senior advisor to the Afghanistan Human Rights Organization based in Kabul. A local non-governmental organization that since 1997 has provided legal aid to more than 4,000 victims of human rights abuses in Afghanistan. The organization has one of the largest defense attorney staffs of any private legal aid providers in Afghanistan.

Veterans and Military Families:

Impact of the Wars; Impact on Movements

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

Cobo Hall: D2-14

Contact: Michael McPhearson, michaelvfp@cpeace.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Veterans For Peace

Collaborating Organizations: Military Families Speak Out, Iraq Veterans Against the War

Workshop Description: A small fraction of this country is involved in the armed services as a veteran, service member or military family. As a result, the burden of war in this country is isolated to a small few, making it easier for those in power to continue the wars. Veterans and military families thus have a crucial role in providing the ground truth to the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and leading/inspiring the movements to end them. • The workshop will explore three points: a. Veterans and military families using their unique voices and perspectives to end the current wars. b. What has been the personal cost of war: lives lost and destroyed. c. Intersections of veteran and military families' concerns with movements for progressive, political and social change and how veterans and military families can play a role. • A panel of three to four will give information statements from their perspective as a veteran or military family member, followed by large group discussion. We hope that participants gain a better understanding of the important role that veterans and military families can and should play in anti-war/peace movements. We hope participants begin to see ways veterans and military families can build relationships with other organizations and begin to develop strategic alliances across issues.

The "War on Terror" & the "War on People of Color": Muslim, Arab, South Asians Build Movement as Black & Brown U.S. Struggle

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 1:00pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: DO-7A

Contact: Monami Maulik, monami@drumnyc.org

4 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: DRUM- Desis Rising Up & Moving

Collaborating Organizations: Arab American Action Network (AAAN)

South Asian Network (SAN)

Workshop Description: Since 9/11, Muslim, Arab, South Asians have become the "Terrorist" at home while the U.S. expands empire in the Arab world & South Asia. On both fronts, 'pre-emptive' attack is the U.S. strategy- for wars abroad and arrest of suspected 'home-grown

terrorists' at home. FBI and law enforcement programs have institutionalized counter-Radicalization programs in these communities instilling fear. Yet, is any of this new or different from the legacy of policing and social control of African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans in U.S. history? This interactive panel & discussion with Arab, South Asian, Black, and Latino organizers will explore analysis and strategy on: What is the current dis-connect, especially among Muslim, Arab, South Asian organizations in building unity with Black & Brown movements? How is the 'War on Terror' rooted in this legacy of the 'War on Drugs' and the 'War on Crime'? If the U.S. empire necessitates structural racism within, how do people of color build real strategy & solidarity across struggles? Why is this critical to win justice in the post 9/11 moment and beyond? The session will include presentations, open dialogue, and calls to action.

The Role of GI Coffeehouses in Supporting Activism in the Military

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 1:00pm - 3:00pm

WSU Old Main: 1107

Contact: Seth Manzel, sethmanz@hotmail.com

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: GI Voice/Coffee Strong

Workshop Description: We will examine the history of the GI Coffeehouse movement, from the Vietnam era to the present, and contributions they have made to social change within the military. Coffeehouses offer military personnel a safe oasis to gather, network, and grow; all of which are generally stifled within the military institution. We believe that growth can do more to foster change in the military culture, and possibly even the military itself, than any effort to change political will. A principle goal of this workshop will be to encourage the local development of GI coffeehouses, or similar operations, near military installations around the world to foster that change. Participants will hear from current GI coffeehouse operators. They will learn about the challenges of development and operation; the many accomplishments and rewards experienced; the critical skills and resources required to set up and manage the day-to-day operations; and, the importance of connecting with the local business, faith, and academic communities to help sustain a long-term operation. Attendees will receive a handout outlining the contents of the workshop, including reference material and contact information. Participants will also be encouraged to engage with the presenters by asking questions and contributing ideas. One of the goals of the workshop will be to enable participants to assess the value a coffeehouse would add to the local effort to connect with military personnel and their families. We will also explore the potential benefit of a coordinated network to assist local development efforts through the sharing of tools, experiences, skill-sets, and resources in common. The path to ending the cycle of war starts with the warrior; our task is to offer the voice for choice and the support they need. The GI coffeehouse is a vehicle for change.

Youth Organizing Against the War and Military Recruiters

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

TWW: Fourier

Contact: Darlene Gramigna, dgramigna@afsc.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: AFSC Youth and Militarism

Workshop Description: We will lead participants through the best practice organizing experiences of youth organizers from Chicago, Atlanta and New Hampshire. As part of AFSC's high school and college collaborators, these youth staff, peace fellows and apprentices will talk about a variety of trainings and strategies for developing anti-war and counter recruitment work on both high school and college campuses. Training materials and popular education exercises will be displayed.

Move the Money from War to Our Communities!

Fri, 06/25/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

WSU Student Center: 289

Contact: Kevin Martin, kmartin@peace-action.org

2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: Peace Action Education Fund

Collaborating Organizations: Veterans for Peace, Fund Our Communities-Cut Military Spending 25%, War Times/Tiempo de Guerras, UFPJ and Women for Genuine Security.

Workshop Description: In 1967 Rev. Martin Luther King said, "A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death." Today, military spending is draining the lifeblood of working class and communities of color. Without moving money from war, we cannot have economic and racial justice. Working people won't win jobs and services they need unless their organizations challenge military spending, and peace groups can't end wars without working class and people of color. Right now we're organizing separately. King's prophetic speech contains a vision for a movement to challenge "the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism." We need to come together to fund jobs, services, and racial equality by moving money from the military. Concretely, we need a movement on the ground that •Can pressure government to move a quarter trillion dollars from financing war towards jobs and services we need; •Is led by the people who need those jobs and services – communities of color and working class communities; •Challenges US military domination of the world and of our lives; and •Beat the military-industrial lobby. This workshop will seek to strengthen collaboration between the peace and economic, social and racial justice movements in a grassroots effort that will move money from financing and preparing for war, to employing, housing and rebuilding our communities. Find out what is working on the ground, strategize together, and walk out with a plan of action.

People Initiative to Peace Making

Fri 06/25/2010 - 3:30pm - 5:30pm

Cobo Hall: O2-39

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2 Hours

First Sponsoring Organization: The Megiddo Peace Project

Collaborating Organizations: The Women's International League for Peace and Freedom

Workshop Description: The setting: What is Megiddo? a short video/slides presentation of the archeological site of Armageddon, the conception and history of the Megiddo Peace Project and the "Table for Peace." Art for Peace. The Foundation : brief overview of peace achievements: Universal Declaration of human Rights; The Women's Platform for Action, Beijing plus 15; the Hague Appeal for Peace, Agenda for the Abolition of War in the 21st Century: General Assembly Resolution 53/25 on creating a Culture of Peace and Non Violence for the Children of the World. Convention on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Convention on the Rights of the Child, and others. especially Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women Peace and Security and the necessity of women at the peace table and in all stages of the peace process.. Around a peace table: Women from different wars will examine the conflicts in their areas such as: Congo, Palestine/Israel, Afghanistan, Iraq, Kashmir, Colombia, Native Americans, Detroit, seeking out commonalities on the issues of sharing land, water, privileges, security, overcoming patriarchy and power, to develop responsibility for the life system as a whole. Noting how women and their respective communities are affected, and what forms of resistance and constructive engagement can happen. End wars! Cease fire! Come to the peace table to talk! Open the imagination, envision peace. A turning of heart must occur for peace to be. to inform people of this project and recruit participation.