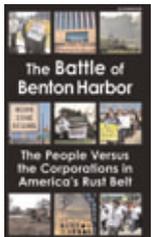


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Walda Katz-Fishman combines her research in class, race, and gender inequality and political economy with developing popular education and political organizing in struggles to transform society. She is a professor of Sociology at Howard University

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Jack Hirschman, San Francisco's former poet laureate, is called one of America's most important living poets. He awakens people to homelessness as an expression of a system that can't care for people. "I am an internationalist who knows neither homelessness and poverty, nor war and violence, will ever end until the wealth of the world is appropriated for the benefit of all."

GLORIA SLAUGHTER Public Education

Gloria Slaughter taught in the public schools in the South for 32 years. She is active in the struggle to repeal 'The No Child Left Behind Act.' "It will be the demise of public education if there is no funding for what it requires. We must campaign for public education to be fully

funded by the government to offer every child an equal, quality education."

ETHEL LONG-SCOTT Women • Poverty

Ethel Long-Scott is known nationally and internationally for her work in educating and organizing women at the losing end of society, especially women of color. She is Executive Director of the Women's Economic Agenda Project.

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NELSON PEERY Author • Race and Class

Nelson Peery, author of *Black Fire: the Making of an American Revolutionary*, a memoir of his years as a Black soldier in World War II, shows how a person becomes a revolutionary through life experience. His sequel, *Black Radical*, shows how the WWII Black veterans were the organizing force in the Freedom Movement, the role of the revolutionary Left and the development of his family.

HILARY KLEIN Women • Zapatistas

Hilary Klein lived and worked with women's cooperatives in Zapatista communities. She developed a project to support women's cooperatives. She has worked with Latina immigrant women's health and environmental groups in the U.S. and is working on a book about Zapatista women's experiences.

STEVE TEIXEIRA Education • Youth • Latinos

Steve Teixeira, a leader in the struggle for free, equal, quality education was among those who helped create the Equal Opportunity Program, including one of the first learning skills centers in California. He served in the first Chicano Studies Departments nationally. He discusses in

his lectures why there is a need for unity of the poor to achieve quality education for all.

JEROME SCOTT Poverty & Genocide

Jerome Scott is a former organizer in the Detroit auto plants, a popular educator since the 1970s, former director of Project South: Institute for the Elimination of Poverty & Genocide, the author of writings on race, class movement building and the revolutionary process, and serves on the National Planning Committee of the U.S. Social Forum.

MICHAEL MCCOLLY AIDS • Healthcare

Michael McColly is a teacher, writer and author of *The After Death Room: Journey into Spiritual Activism*, a memoir on global AIDS activists. The book examines the epidemic from a global, spiritual, and physical perspective by an HIV+ journalist. It is an important contribution toward uniting the struggle for healthcare with the fight of the poor worldwide.

SHELLAH GARLAND-OLANIRAN Healthcare

Shellah Garland-Olaniran walked the picket lines as a child in Flint, Michigan. Today, she is a leader of the struggle to maintain healthcare for Chicago's poorest residents. She says, "Elected officials must be made responsible to people, not corporations. We need a system that guarantees universal healthcare without insurance companies."

JOYCE MILLS HEALTHCARE

Joyce Mills is a public health nurse who has a special interest and expertise in the history of health care reform. She says, "So much is possible today, and at the same time, so much is denied to humanity. I want to help promote a vision of a new world." She is member of the California Nurses Association.

ALLISON ADELLE HEDGE COKE Poet

Allison Adelle Hedge Coke was named Writer of the Year in Poetry by the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers. Her latest book, *Blood Run*, is dedicated to mound builders of many nations. She performs readings and lectures and Youth-at-Risk education.

TED QUANT Katrina • Justice • Youth

Ted Quant, Director of Twomey Center for PeaceThrough Justice at Loyola University in New Orleans, provides training in leadership development and conflict resolution to Inner-city Programs for Youth. He has a long history as an activist against police brutality and the death penalty. Before and after Katrina, he advocated for housing and the rights of the poor of New Orleans.

BILL QUIGLEY Katrina • Human Rights

Bill Quigley, a human rights lawyer, author, and law professor at Loyola University in New Orleans, says, "You saw the people left behind last time [during the previous hurricane]. The same people are being left behind all over again. You raised Hell last time. Please do it again."

SANDY PERRY Religion • Poverty

Sandy Perry is Outreach Director for CHAM Deliverance Ministry. Raised as a Quaker, he speaks on the role of religion and spirituality in the revolutionary movement, and how we can draw on our diverse spiritual traditions as we fight for a society based on human need, not private profit. He has written numerous articles and is editor of the Spirit of the Revolution column in the People's Tribune.

SALVADOR SANDOVAL, M.D. Health

Salvador Sandoval, MD. MPH. is a doctor at the forefront of the fight for national health insurance that eliminates private insurance, who has provided health care in migrant farm worker clinics in California's Central Valley for decades. He discusses the profound technological changes that make quality health care for all possible. He participated in the 2nd annual Journey for Justice.

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CHERI HONKALA Economic Human Rights



Cheri Honkala is the National Coordinator for the Poor People's Economic Human Rights Campaign. She speaks worldwide about the struggle against poverty in the U.S., and the denial of basic economic human rights. She says, "And who better to change it than those that live within my country?"

BROOKE HEAGERTY, PH.D. Race/Class, Author



Brooke Heagerty, Ph.D. co-authored *Moving Onward: From Racial Division to Class Unity*. She is writing a new book about a young slave woman who killed her master in Missouri 150 years ago. It discusses how the legacy of slavery influences our lives and the world today. She is also editor of the newspaper, *Rally, Comrades!*

GENERAL BAKER Labor Leader



General Baker is an internationally known labor leader. He was among the first Americans to refuse the Vietnam draft. He is legendary for his role in leading Black autoworkers in the 1960s Detroit wildcat strikes against corporations and discriminatory union leaders. He is a founder of the League of Revolutionaries for a New America.

BRENDA MATTHEWS Poetry • Youth



Brenda Matthews is an actress, poet, and playwright, social commentator, visionary and soul-stirring "minister" for our times. Through her poetry, she plants "seeds of change" in the lives of the youth. She has produced several CD's and a book entitled, *Somebody Better Say Something*.

IBRAHIM AOUDE Middle East • Peace



Ibrahim Aoude, author, professor, frequent traveler to the Middle East and author of *Lebanon: Dynamics of Conflict*, also writes about social movements in Hawaii and about Palestinian youth, the politics of oil, and what the U.S. government's role in the Middle East means for Americans.

MARIAN KRAMER Poverty • Water Rights



Marian Kramer has been in the front lines of the national welfare rights movement from its origin in the 1960s. She is co-chair of the National Welfare Rights Union, an organization by and for the poor. She is a leader of the struggle against privatization of water in Detroit, Michigan where 45,000 homes are without water.

BOB LEE Editor • People's Tribune



Bob Lee is a journalist and editor of the *People's Tribune*, a newspaper that gives voice to the millions struggling for survival. It strives to politically educate those millions on the basis of their own experience. It is a tribune to bring revolutionaries together, to create a vision of a better world, and a strategy to achieve it.

LAURA GARCIA Editor • Tribuno del Pueblo

Laura Garcia is editor of the *Tribuno del Pueblo*, a bilingual newspaper that gives voice to the poor and those fighting against unjust laws that make the undocumented immigrant an animal of prey. She is author of the pamphlet, *Who Is Killing the Women of Juarez and Chihuahua?* and co-editor of the book, *Teatro Chicana, A Collective Memoir and Plays*, to be published in 2008 by University of Texas Press.

SHAMAKO NOBLE Hip Hop • Youth



Shamako Noble is a hip hop artist who helped create the national hip hop Congress. He coordinates a local hip-hop coalition called South Bay Collective and puts on shows with local promoters and DJs. He is planning a Hip Hop Academy to teach aspects of hip-hop in San Jose, California.

LIZ MILLER Filmmaker • Water Struggle



Liz Miller is a film-maker who produced, *The Water Front*, a documentary about the Highland Park, Michigan water struggle. *The Water Front*, screened at Ecofest in Greece, winning the "Water Award." It was promoted with these words: "Water is not only an issue affecting poor countries. Everywhere in the world, people are facing a diversity of difficulties in accessing their right to water."

JOHN SLAUGHTER Author • Southern Politics



John Slaughter is author of *New Battles Over Dixie: The Campaign For a New South*, an account of Southern politics and economics. He grew up in the piney woods of rural Alabama, picking cotton as a boy. He is active in housing struggles in Atlanta.

MAUREEN TAYLOR Water Rights • Poverty



Maureen Taylor is state chair of the Michigan Welfare Rights Union. She fights daily for food, clothing, and shelter, and for heat, water and electricity for those in need. She is a leader of the struggle against privatization and for the return of water to 45,000 Detroit homes. She was a Detroit City Council grassroots candidate in 2006.

RICHARD MONJE Labor • Immigration



Richard Monje is special project coordinator of the Midwest Region of UNITE-HERE, a union in the forefront of the struggle against sweatshops and for the organization of low-wage workers. His political awakening came when he was shot by sheriffs following the Chicano Moratorium.

SAMANTHA SPENCER Youth • Art • Education



Samantha Spencer is an art teacher concerned about the loss of art education for youth and an education system that is not educating youth, but instead is creating workers with capitalist interests. "My life changed once I found answers to why youth are suffering. The overall system is the problem. The struggle of young people is a product of the society. We have to help them create a better world."

REV. EDWARD PINKNEY Justice/Corporations



Rev. Edward Pinkney is a leader in the struggle against the corporate takeover of Benton Harbor, Michigan and for justice in the courts. He led a grassroots electoral campaign against a City Councilman allied with Whirlpool, the ruling corporation in the area, where he was charged with "voter fraud."

MARIA MARTINEZ Immigrant Rights



Maria Martinez is an editorial board member of the bilingual newspaper, the *Tribuno del Pueblo*. She is the daughter of Mexican immigrants, who is committed to educating and fighting for a cooperative society, where the needs of all people are met. She says, "Even though our daily lives are filled with individualism and consumerism, our hearts still long for freedom."

REV. HARRIS Justice • Racism • Poverty



Rev. Harris is a minister in the forefront of the struggle against police brutality and for justice in Fresno, California. He is President of National Network in Action. He says, "You can't fight the government without a plan, since once you attack, they will attack you."

REV. BRUCE WRIGHT Religion • Homeless



Rev. Bruce Wright is Director of "The Refuge," a St. Petersburg, Florida church of the poor, homeless and counter-culture youth. He is a leader of the struggle to make the government provide homes. He discusses topics such as the true meaning of Jesus in a Biblical sense, versus how capitalism has portrayed Him, and why right-wing teachings contradict Christ.

STEVEN MILLER Public Education



Steven Miller teaches biology and physics in the Oakland, California Flatland schools. He helped found Life Academy, a public high school that helps low-achieving students reach college. He is active in educational reform and the Oakland Education Association. He speaks on privatization and the corporate attack on the "public" nature of education and solutions.