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Hello Pitzer Community,

Are you actively using your [white / rich / cis-male / able-bodied / straight] privilege to dismantle [white / rich / cis-male / able-bodied / straight] privilege? Here are some resources which should help you better situate your work.

- **Accomplices Not Allies** - a zine from [Indigenous Action](#) on the commodification of the often reform-entrenched *ally* identity and the necessity for non-marginalized folks to actively participate in status-quo dismantling actions as *accomplices* for real change to be made. *“Direct action is really the best and may be the only way to learn what it is to be an accomplice. We’re in a fight, so be ready for confrontation and consequence.”* [NECESSARY READ- pay special attention to the “Academics and Intellectuals” and “Acts of Resignation” sections]
- **Solidarity Not Charity** - a paper by Dean Spade on the liberatory importance of solidarity building mutual aid work for “understanding social change and expressing dissent” to dominant, oppressive systems. HOWEVER, Spade urges readers to be cautious of the truly liberatory potential of movements which replicate colonialist, white-supremacist charity models when they, “[require sobriety, exclude people with certain types of convictions, or stigmatize and exclude people with psychiatric disabilities for not fitting behavioral norms,” and engage in, “saviorism, self-congratulation, and paternalism” (141). [Should motivate us to be critical of the work we do! Are we supporting liberatory, impacted-people led movements or reformist, system maintaining charity movements?]

Show up for Claremont Community:

- **Help Two Black Queer 5C Students Pay Rent Expenses and Housing for 3 Months** - “Claremont College mutual aid request \$4,000 request for rent, housing, security, and groceries. Rent/housing for months of May-August” [Donate]
- **Support a memorial fund for a Pitzer Student’s family** - “I am reaching out to the Pitzer community to boost the gofundme I organized for my boyfriend’s family. The costs for the funeral and burial services are 26,000 alone, not including the medical expenses. Thank you so much to everyone who has already donated and shared. I wish you all the best as we wrap up the year.” [Donate]

- **Build Muslim Libraries in Three California Prisons** - Organized by the Justice Education Initiative at the Claremont Colleges "In the last ten days of this blessed month and over the course of the next few weeks, we invite you to help us establish permanent libraries of Muslim literature at 3 SoCal prisons: CRC, CIM, and CIW. What started as a conversation with one Muslim convert at CRC, who expressed a deep longing for more information about his faith, quickly turned into a "prison valley"-wide project addressed to the hundreds of Muslims currently incarcerated at three different facilities." [Donate]
- **Show up to Casa Pitzer Events** - Show up to [Healing Practices for Racial Justice](#) with Jacoby Ballard this Friday 05/14 at 3PM PST and the [Research Symposium](#) at 4PM PST [Show up online]
- **Support a Pitzer Student's Community - Help Nepal fight COVID** - "I would like to ask for help on behalf of my country, which is devastated by the pandemic at the moment. Nepal is on the brink of collapse as covid ravages the country (much like India, except it has gotten much less attention internationally). In the face of the current humanitarian crisis in South Asia, Nepal's government/ health system is already failing, and things will only be getting worse before it gets better. Hospital beds have run out, crematoriums have been inundated, and oxygen is in short supply."
- **Support a Black Woman Entering Tech** - Support a graduating Pitzer senior with their next steps! "I am determined to become a UX Designer. I have done the research and I am sure that this will be a fulfilling and lucrative career path for me. I just need a little help getting there." [Donate]
- **Tell Pomona to Divest from Fossil Fuels** - "In the pursuit of solving our world's growing climate crisis, the Divest Claremont Colleges student movement calls for the Board of Trustees of each of the Claremont Colleges to announce their intention to institutionally divest from all companies involved in the extraction of fossil fuels." [Petition/email]
- **Support OTRASEX: Protecting Sex Workers in the Dominican Republic [Organized by PZ Senior]** - "OTRASEX is a grassroots organization dedicated to defending the labor and health rights of cis and trans sex workers in the Dominican Republic. They are committed to defending their autonomy and to addressing the stigma and discrimination against sex workers. The COVID-19 pandemic has gravely impacted the livelihoods of sex workers which has had a ripple affect on the wellness of their dependent children and parents. The government has not extended any kind of support nor relief to the community. OTRASEX workers have been engaged in mutual aid organizing since the onset of the pandemic,



but a full year later they find themselves in an even more critical situation. All funds raised through this platform will go directly to the OTRASEX organizers, who will use the funds to distribute nutritional needs and healthcare items to their compañeras and their families and to help ensure their wellness and safety." [Donate]

Show Up Here:

- **Creating Police-Free Neighborhoods in Riverside/Inland Empire** - [Every 2nd Tuesday, 6-7pm] "Interested in working in your neighborhood to make it police-free and mutually supportive? Join our monthly program where you will get mentoring, monthly assignments, and collective support on how to organize with your neighbors. No organizing experience necessary. Will be geared toward providing skills for those who are introverted and don't know any of their neighbors. Open to all those living in Riverside/Inland Empire." [Virtual]
- **Join the Black Power Collective IE Book Club!** - [Every other Sunday starting 05/02] "Join the BPC Book Club starting May 2nd! Free and open to everyone!" [Virtual]
- **LA Rally and Protest: Nakba 73 - Resistance Until Liberation** - [05/15 @12PM] "LA Rally & Protest for Resistance Until Liberation May 15th at 12PM 11000 Wilshire BLVD 90024 #jerusalemuprising #savesheikhjarrah"
- **Developing Systems of Care in Pomona** - "[Gente Organizada] Please register and save the date for this important townhall. Our coalition has extended an invitation to Mayor Tim Sandoval and we will be providing updates once all panelists confirm their attendance."

Sign These Petitions:

- **Stop Israel's Illegal Expulsion of Palestinians in Jerusalem!** - "Over 1,500 Palestinians from neighborhoods in Jerusalem are facing threat of forced displacement and home demolitions by Israeli authorities. Children make up a large percentage of the families threatened with homelessness... Take action: call on the U.S. Secretary of State Tony Blinken and Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin to demand an end to Israel illegal evictions of Palestinians and demolitions of their homes."
- **#FreeAllSurvivors** - "This spring, take action every two weeks to free incarcerated survivors in California by submitting public comment to Governor Gavin Newsom! The criminal punishment system does not end domestic and sexual violence, it facilitates domestic and sexual violence."

Over 90% of people in women's prisons, and many in men's prisons, are survivors of sexual and/or domestic violence. Some survivors are criminalized for actions they take to survive violence. Some are targeted with violence while incarcerated where they are particularly vulnerable to ongoing abuse. Prisons are gender violence."

- **First Ten to Communities Not Cages** - "'First Ten' is the next phase of Detention Watch Network's national Communities Not Cages campaign to shut down Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) detention centers, stop the expansion and construction of new facilities and ultimately abolish the detention system in its entirety. The 'First Ten' detention centers are emblematic of how the immigration detention system as a whole is inherently abusive, unjust and fatally flawed beyond repair." *[Though a quick action you can take is signing the petition, the action guide linked also has sample social media posts and opportunities for local organizing].*
- **Stop Line 3** [Sign This Petition and Tell President Biden: #StopLine3 Pipeline](#) - "There is a massive pipeline underway in northern Minnesota that violates Indigenous rights and would carry the pollution equivalent to 50 coal power plants. The bulldozers have arrived to plow through sacred wild rice watersheds, over 800 wetlands, and 200+ bodies of water. Indigenous water protectors are fighting to protect their land, but the drones are overhead and the police are militarizing. President Biden has the power to stop this project." [Stop the Money Pipeline](#) - "Over the next two months, we're going to make the financial companies that support Enbridge and its toxic Line 3 pipeline feel the heat. Here's the plan. On March 31st, 18 banks have a \$2.2 billion loan to Enbridge that is due for renewal. That's in 51 days. Between now and then, we're going to do everything in our power to make it loud and clear to the executives of those banks: They must walk away from Line 3 — or there will be consequences."
- **Pass the Garment Worker Protection Act** - "Please sign this petition to share with California legislators & Governor Newsom and show your support for the Garment Worker Protection Act. The Garment Worker Protection Act is sponsored by the Garment Worker Center, Bet Tzedek Legal Services, and Western Center on Law and Poverty, and the campaign for its passage is LED BY WORKERS!! Our bill was not voted on this year and we will continue our fight in 2021 because the issues garment workers are facing must urgently be addressed. Your support is needed more than ever!"



- **#FreeDarik** - "Instead of allowing Darik to enter a mental health diversion program, District Attorney, Mike Hestrin, is pursuing an extensive prison sentence. Read more in the petition and sign it if you haven't already!"
- **Ethnic studies now Pomona Unified School District** - "Ethnic Studies should be a graduation requirement as well as be integrated throughout the K-12 curriculum within the Pomona Unified School District. The majority of students attending PUSD schools are students of color. Latina/o/x students in particular makeup about 86% of the student population within PUSD. Latina/o/x students have some of the lowest rates of educational attainment. More and more studies have shown that when students take an effective Ethnic Studies course, their Grade Point Average, attendance, and overall graduation rates increase."

Practice Resource Redistribution:

- **Send Backpacks to Migrant Children in Long Beach** - "For the past 2 weeks I have been attentively following the story of the migrant children who will continue to arrive to Long Beach, CA where they will stay as they await reunification with family or sponsors. Once they are ready to go with their family or sponsors they will be needing backpacks to carry their things such as their pillow, clothes, personal items, etc from the shelter. Please consider donating a backpack. Or sharing this post... We will only be accepting physical donations for this campaign."
- **Support Unhoused Folks in Organge County!** - "As we move into the month of May we are asking yet again for y'all's support in helping us meet our fundraising goals and increase the support we can offer to our neighbors. Over the past few weeks, we have seen a violent increase in marathon sweeps in Santa Ana and Anaheim that have left our neighbors temporary homes completely decimated. The pigs have been throwing away essential resources like Narcan and Shelter supplies—this is genocidal."
- **Help My Grandma, Stabbing Victim, with Bills** - "My brother, Andrew, and I are setting up this fundraiser on behalf of our 85 year old grandma. On Tuesday, May 4, 2021, she was stabbed on Market St and 4th in San Francisco as she was heading home. While she was waiting at the bus stop, she was stabbed with a long knife in her right arm and entered into her chest. She was transferred to SF General where she had a successful surgery."

- **India: Ongoing Mutual Aid Fundraisers** - "SHARE THIS LIVE DOC collating ongoing #mutualaid fundraisers for #CovidEmergency in India WIDELY including with folks outside India."
- **Support Protestors in Columbia!** - "WHAT CAN WE DO???" We hear you ask. Even from thousands of miles away we can do the following; donate to our GoFundMe that will go directly to protestors (link in bio), attend your local rallies which we will inform people on soon, share information with your contacts, and encourage people to pressure their local political reps. We will be announcing a livestream in the next couple of hours where we will be advising Colombians and allies abroad on what can be done concretely about the grave situation."
- **Syringes for Cuba** - "HELP US SUPPLY MILLIONS OF SYRINGES TO CUBA! Spread the word! Share this campaign! cu You can help! This is a direct way to support the Cuban people and denouncing the cruel and inhumane US blockade. Swipe → to read more!"
- **Laptop Drive for Formerly Detained Immigrants!** - "Covid-19 has dramatically impacted communication between service providers and the folks that need their services. We are heavily dependent on technology to meet and follow up. However, those directly affected do not have access to this technology (laptops, tablets, wifi) as most of them are rebuilding their lives after being held in immigrant detention centers. Due to COVID-19 restrictions, they are unable to access the immediate support they require after being released, including medical and legal assistance. Providing folks with the technology needed would tremendously support them in their journey to recovery. The laptop drive and fundraiser would provide the necessary funds to purchase these items."
- **Immigrant Liberation Fund** - "In the midst of the international COVID-19 pandemic, Immigrants detained in ICE detention centers are at high risk of becoming seriously ill or dying from the disease. Even in normal circumstances, ICE has proven time and again that it is unable to protect the health and safety of detained people-- and now more than ever, their lives are at risk, especially those with a history of health problems. Many immigrants detained in Adelanto have been granted bond, but are still detained because they can't afford to pay it (each bond ranges from \$1500-\$10,000+.) Getting out of detention may well save their lives. The Trump administration deliberately excluded undocumented immigrants and their families from the stimulus checks being delivered to millions around the country. Fight back by donating all or part of yours to free someone at high risk for COVID-19 from detention."

- **LGBT Rights Ghana COMMUNITY SUPPORT FUND** - "Community Support Fund is an initiative designed to support and empower members of our beloved LGBTIQ community who are financially constrained in Ghana. The initiative is a long term support system intended to address the struggles of a fast growing LGBTIQ community in Ghana and measures that have been enacted to ultimately support a wider community through business initiatives and other capacity building auxiliaries."

Call/ Email/ Tweet:

- **#SaveSheikhJarrah** - "Refugee families are at risk of ethnic cleansing. Palestinians' thousands-year-old ties to Jerusalem is at stake
#SaveSheikhJarrah"
- **#FreeGabby** - "Gabby Solano will be transferred from prison to ICE, and deported to a country she left as a child and has no family ties. Gabby deserves to be in the care of her family and community in California, not in immigration detention. Take action to urge CA Governor Newsom to stop Gabby's ICE transfer and urge President Biden to stop targeting incarcerated immigrants and refugees for deportation."
- **#FreeWalterCruz** - "Walter Cruz has been imprisoned in ICE detention for over 3 years. Despite winning his case TWICE, the Trump admin ordered a "do-over," meaning he would have to take his case through the courts again."
- **#FreeUbaldo** - "Ubaldo Ochoa-Lopez sits in an ICE prison - in danger of being deported. He & his son, Fernando came to the US seeking asylum from Guatemala. What awaited them here was a cruel & stunning reality. They were both separated during Trump's Zero Tolerance period in 2018 and remained away from each other for two months. Fernando was only 6 years old when this painful and traumatic experience happened. Now, ICE has separated them again. Ubaldo has been detained at Pearsall Detention Center since October - 4 months - and is in danger of being deported back to Guatemala, leaving his son behind."
- **Free Wilson Pena Logo** - "Free Wilson Pena Loji from ICE detention in Batavia, NY. He is on day 20 of his second hunger strike for justice and survival. He needs to be released immediately."
- **#FreeKarim** - "Free Karim from Etowah County detention. Karim Golding is a Muslim Jamaican immigrant who came to the United States when he was a child to reunite with his family. Karim has had COVID-19 two times while in ICE detention, where he's been detained for over 4 years. Now,



ICE wants to deport him to a country he has not known or been to since he was a child."

Get Support for Organizing

- **Join the Inland Coalition for Immigrant Justice Team** - Looking for a High Desert Organizer and an Economic Justice Organizer
- **Apply for the Summer 2021 California Climate Action Corps AmeriCorps Fellowship** - "Last fall, California Volunteers launched the [California Climate Action Corps](#), the first statewide corps of its kind, dedicated to advancing climate actions designed to engage communities, cultivate change, and leave a lasting impact. This summer, Climate Action Corps will place more than 200 AmeriCorps Fellows with public agencies, Tribes, non-profit organizations, colleges, and universities throughout the state for a summer of service to help communities meet their climate action goals."

Please reply to this email [or just email us at immediate_action@pitzer.edu] with any actions or organizing you'd like us to include in the next email.

In solidarity,

The Staff of the CEC