

WBNY-FM, Buffalo, NY

Issues/Programs List October – December 2020, Revised 2/19/2021 to include Living 4 the People Show Lists, which appear after the Talking Peace descriptions.

NOTE: WBNY continues to be off-limits to students and alumni, so most public affairs programming is recorded off-site and aired during their scheduled slots via automation. Democracy Now! originates from New York City, discusses current events, and is aired live Monday thru Friday from 8:00 AM – 9:00 AM via their streaming service.

The following air dates and descriptions are for Talking Peace, a weekly two-hour show hosted by Vicki Ross, Executive Director of the WNY Peace Center. Along with multiple guests each week, Vicki discusses insights on peace and justice. During the COVID-19 Pandemic Lockdown, this otherwise live show is pre-recorded and aired during its usual timeslot of Mondays, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM.

Air Date: 10/26/2020

Hour #1: Heron Simmonds, Paki Wieland, and Vicki Ross

Afrocentric Humanism; roots of community (vs. facism); truth and love, and solidarity of collectivity.

Hour #2: Heron Simmonds, Paki Wieland, and Vicki Ross

Overview of current threats to democracy; overriding peacefulness and clear constitutionality of protests; courageousness of nonviolence; music and other peace tools.

Air Date: 11/2/2020

Hour #1: Victoria Ross and Carlanda Meadors

The following topics were discussed:

- Cornel West
- WNYPC 53rd Annual
- Principles
- Self Care
- Peace And Love

Hour #2: Victoria Ross, Carlanda Meadors, Matt Meyer, Kathy Kelly

The following topics were discussed:

- Racial Justice
- COVID
- Economic Justice
- Elections 2020
- Peoples Strike
- Collective Nonviolent Action

Air Date: 11/9/2020

Hour #1: Jillian Hanesworth: Poet and Activist; Director of Leadership Development at Open Buffalo. Jalonda Hill: Paralegal for WNY Law Center; principal organizer the Fair Fines [No] Fees Coalition.

The following topics were discussed:

WNYPC Evening with Cornel West on Nov 9, 7pm; the awards the two are receiving and work they're doing; Recent Developments and Activism in Buffalo; #RacialJustice; #allyship

Hour #2: Buddy Bell: Longtime national and international activist; working with Voices For Creative Nonviolence and frequent facilitator for Global Days of Listening.

The following topics were discussed:

the 2020 election and what it tells us so far; where we might go from "here;" other developments re criminal justice, economic justice, workers' rights, antiwar (#UnitetheStruggles) etc.

Air Date: 11/16/2020

Hour #1: Christian Parra, Citizen Action; India Walton, of the People (former Fruit Belt Land Trust Director)

The following topics were discussed:

- 2020 Elections
- support for racist, criminal behaviors
- predatory capitalism
- sources and development of political power
- healing

Hour #2: Christian Parra, Citizen Action; India Walton, of the People (former Fruit Belt Land Trust Director)

The following topics were discussed:

- caring for the community
- people's needs esp in COVID
- emergency financial relief for housing
- youth, education needs
- local political power
- a change is gonna come.

Air Date: 11/23/2020

Hour #1: Vicki Ross and Judy Einach, Community Activist, Chautauqua County

The following topics were discussed:

- What is Peace? Internal and External Balance;
- West Valley nuclear waste: history; current plan; issues and needs
- Lobbying elected officials for containment/enclosed cleanup

Hour #2: Vicki Ross, Judy Einach, Laura Evans, Esq, Keeping Things Alive podcast and website; Geovaira Hernández, NY Renews

The following topics were discussed:

- Justice issues: Environmental, Economic, Racial included in the CCLPA , a NYS bill passed last year
- the upcoming community climate investment act;
- ancient Indigenous wisdom;
- need to see ourselves as part of nature;
- Defend the Sacred;
- keep things alive;
- care for each other, people and the planet.

Air Date: 11/30/2020

Hour #1: Vicki Ross, Jill Yagwaneest Clause, Tuscarora; and Diane D'Arrigo, Nuclear Information and Research Service. West Valley

The following topics were discussed:

- Thankful for those protecting people and environment from the nuclear waste, and full clean up scheduled
- massive danger to community and environment (including 20% of world's freshwater supply)
- mitigate by covered/contained complete cleanup with extensive air and water monitoring
- lobby all elected government officials to demand and fund same.

Hour #2: Vicki Ross, Jill Yagwaneest Clause, Tosh Hamby and Robert John Knapp

The following topics were discussed:

- Gnonoyoh by Tosh in Tuscaroran
- Joined by Robert John
- Thankfulness; every morning; what we're thankful for
- Indigenous wisdom
- care for Creation, for the 7th Generation.

Air Date: 12/7/2020

Hour #1: Medea Benjamin, CodePink

The following topics were discussed:

- US endless "war on terror";
- Biden cabinet includes war hawks- activists working to stop WarProfiteer Michelle Flourney;
- USViolence and war crimes including economic sanctions and drones, interventions.
- foreign policy dangers in remainder of Trump's time in office.
- Campaign for Cuban Doctors to get Nobel Peace Prize for International Service during pandemic.

Hour #2: Myles Carter, community activist

The following topics were discussed:

- County Budget, legislature votes Dec 8.
- Co lockups (Erie Co Holding Center [EHC] and Alden) together at 1/3 capacity, taking up about 10% of funds during economic crisis.
- huge toll on POC in Buffalo.
- vicious circle of violence visited on Black, Brown and Indigenous communities.
- Speak-Out on EHC plus on Dec 10, International Human Rights Day

Air Date: 12/14/2020

Hour #1: Rolanda Ward, Director, Rose Bente Lee Ostapenko Center for Race, Equity, and Mission; Social Work Prof @ Niagara Univ.; Melissa M. Costa, LICSW, Children, Youth & Families Case Manager Supervisor, Department of Mental Health, New Bedford, MA

The following topics were discussed: COVID from a Social Work Perspective: Dangers to health; risk and result disparities, reflecting those commonly already in place - racial, economic, marginalized communities; disparities now exacerbated by the COVID, including foregoing as well as essential workers; increased protection also consistently going to those already privileged; special stress on children and families in formative times; difficulty in accessing services (along same disparity lines). Economic catastrophes for those already financially strapped; resources available for children and families; need for determined social justice advocacy and solidarity.

Hour #2: Dr. Mike Niman, Media Studies Prof, SUNY Buffalo State; author; syndicated columnist.

The following topics were discussed:

COVID vaccines distribution impeded by intellectual property issues, as for-profit corporations take the final steps on top of the bulk of the research already done and publicly funded; misinformation and COVID exhaustion has fed the current spiral, which needs serious public discipline to mitigate current large increase in infections; overwhelming of lean medical/hospital systems, downsized for profitability (thus not available when suddenly needed); huge increases in rural areas/middle of country not previously affected; civil disobedience of Trump-ite electeds/govt officials, against the law, but also immoral and unethical (where we are used to civil disobedience in pursuit of moral and ethical high road); applicability of RICO statutes to the conspiracy and illegality of the efforts: they are both organized and criminal (election interference)

Air Date: 12/21/2020

Hour #1: Juweria Dahir, External Affairs Mgr, City of Buffalo (originally from East Africa); Andrea Kuettel, Stitch Buffalo Board Member; Nicole Perrone, Assistant at WNYPC and Chair of WNYPC Immigrant and Refugee Justice Taskforce

The following topics were discussed:

Immigrant & Refugee Justice; Stitch Buffalo's employment opportunities for Immigrants and Refugees, beautiful wares for sale (embroidered masks, clothes, accessories, etc); differences & similarities between Immigrants & Refugees; racism in immigration policies; strengths of immigrants/refugees (work ethics, determination, cultural enrichment of larger community); Immigrant & Refugee Justice Taskforce of WNYPC prospective campaigns, community service.

Hour #2: Monica Lynch, sister of Connell Burrell who died in Erie Co Holding Center; Jerome Wright, State Organizer for HALTsolitary - CAIC, and vice chair of Voice Buffalo.

The following topics were discussed:

Criminal Justice; Racism - structural and institutional - in Criminal Justice system, and society-wide; HALTsolitary - Get It Done in 2021 (Abolished in NYS); Speak-Out re Erie Co Holding Center (EHC); Connell Burrell's death due to Medical Maltreatment after 15 hours in EHC; inadequate and unhealthy conditions in and upon leaving EHC; mental health issues of inmates, corrections officers; prevention and preventing recidivism; Racial Justice and Prisoners' Rights Taskforces of WNYPC working on these issues.

Air Date: 12/28/2020

Hour #1: Rev George Nicholas, Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church; Rev Elena Delgado, Presbyterian Minister (retired); Rev Lee Miller II, Holy Trinity Lutheran Church

The following topics were discussed:

Christmas show about the social justice gospel of Jesus - nonviolence, care for the most vulnerable "the least of these"; suffering and grieving during COVID-19, people not able to be with their dying loved ones; importance of the community as source of strength and joy, discussion of racial and economic health disparities; all equal and welcome; emphasis on the teachings.

Hour #2: Tania Aubusson, Water Protector, Minnesota (local Indigenous); Joe Hill, Seneca, Esq, and Nate Buckley, Burning Books - both of Nekanehsakt (WNY), on-site water-protecting in MN; Agnes Williams, Seneca, LCSW, Indigenous Women's Initiatives.

The following topics were discussed:

Water protectors [including Winona LaDuke] have fought Enbridge and Pipeline 3 for 7 years; line to replace another that has already done extreme damage to environment, killing wildlife, more; Line 3 threatens Mississippi River, drinking water for 68 million people downstream; call Gov Tim Walz at 651-201-3400 and urge him - and other officials e.g. Cong. Ellison - to stop Line 3; go to <https://welcomewaterprotectors.com> for info on needed donations and coming out to put your body on the line to protect Mother Earth , the waters, and the creation. Also in WNY Nekanehsakt.

Living 4 The People” (L4TP) is a 1 hr. Community minded program hosted by CAO CEO Nathan Hare discussing local & national political issues including live studio guests, call ins &/credited sound bites. Airing 3 days/wk. - Mon, @ 3pm. Wed. & Fri., following Amy Goodman’s “Democracy Now” @ 9-10AM. Produced by James Braun.

2020_Like many other College radio stations Covid-19took a serious toll on WBNY. The following is an abbreviated description of L4TP shows that aired.

Show 138_Monday, 10/5/20_How long will Mail-In votes delay the election outcome?

Show 139_Monday, 10/12/20_Analyzing the first Biden/Trump debate

Show 140_Monday, 10/19/20_Trump challenges the election polls; Trump nominates Amy Coney Barrett to succeed Ruth Bader Ginsburg - Supreme Court

Show 141_Monday, 10/26/20_Make sure to Social Distance; Filibuster Supreme Court nominees and stacking The Court

Show 142_Monday, 11/2/20_Trump seeks the Black vote

Show 143_Monday, 11/9/20_Election Night In America; Trump: “This is a fraud.”

“This is an embarrassment to our country.” “Frankly, we did win this election”

Show 144_Monday, 11/16/20_Bizarre Post Election Consequences; Controversy runs amuck

Show 145_Monday, 11/23/20_Voting machines questioned; Mail-In ballots questioned; Trump won’t concede; COVID-19 hospitalizations still going up

Show 146_Monday, 11/30/20_Pres.-Elect Biden names part of incoming Cabinet; Trump appealing Supreme Court denying Giuliani assertions election results

Georgia re-counting third time after hand count

Show 147_Monday, 12/7/20_Conflict of interest, i.e. Loyalty to private economic business interests rather than the general public’s

Show 148_Monday, 12/14/20_Covid responsibilities: Wear a mask; Operation Warp Speed; Pharmaceutical companies gear up for vaccines

Show 149_Monday 12/21/20_Mitch McConnell congratulates Biden/Harris; Evangelicals and freedom of religion; Louis DeJoy and mail slow down