

**KTSW COMMUNITY ISSUES 7/01/2020 – 9/30/2020 (Placed in file 10/09/2020)**

**There follows a listing of some of the significant issues responded to by KTSW-FM 89.9, San Marcos, Texas, along with the most significant programming treatment of those issues for the period of July 1, 2020 and September 30, 2020. The listing is by no means exhaustive. The order in which they appear does not reflect any priority or significance.**

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<b>Public Service Campaigns</b>	<b>7/01-9/30</b>	<b>Varies</b>	<b>50.7 hours</b>
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KTSW-FM 89.9 airs multiple public service announcements covering many topics at various times throughout the day, totaling approximately 3.9 hours per week, 50.7 hours for this quarter.

Categories & topics include:

San Marcos Community: COVID-19 Testing, Early Voting, Girls in STEM, Voter Registration, Register to Vote General, Register to Vote by Mail, Voter Registration for November

Texas State Student Services: Bobcat Pledge, Navigating on Campus (COVID-19), the Counseling Center, the Student Learning Assistance Center (SLAC), the Writing Center, Bobcat Bobbies

Texas State University Interest: The Black Student Alliance

Environmental: Recycling

Health and Wellness: COVID-19 Testing for Students, COVID PSA, Self-Care for COVID-19, Staying Positive During COVID-19 Pandemic, COVID PSA #2, STD Prevention, Summer Safety

<b>City of Kyle Fireworks</b>	<b>7/04</b>	<b>9:15 p.m.</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
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Provided pre-recorded introduction and accompanying music for 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks show.

<b>Big Picture Science</b>	<b>July 1</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>
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**Topic: Let's Stick Together**

Crowded subway driving you crazy? Sick of the marathon-length grocery store line? Wish you had a hovercraft to float over traffic? If you are itching to hightail it to an isolated cabin in the woods, remember, we evolved to be together. Humans are not only social, we're driven to care for one another, even those outside our immediate family. We look at some of the reasons why this is so – from the increase in valuable communication within social groups to the power of the hormone oxytocin. Plus, how our willingness to tolerate anonymity, a condition which allows societies to grow, has a parallel in ant supercolonies.

**Alternative Radio**  
**Topic: Technopolies**

**July 2**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

The five biggest corporations in the world by market value are Google, Apple, Amazon, Microsoft and Facebook. Their head honchos the Zuckerbergs, Gates and Bezos make the Vanderbilts, Morgans and Carnegies of the Gilded Age look like pikers. These “masters of mankind” as Adam Smith called them, love to pay lip service to competition. But you know what? They want absolute domination and control. Monopoly is not a board game for them, it is the essence of their very being. And they rely on state power to secure their position. The big five capitalist firms dominate the means of work and social interaction. Collectively, these technopolies represent a tremendous concentration of power both economic and political which do not bode well for the needs of a democratic society. Their amassing of our data is threatening. What can be done?

**Counterspin**

**July 3**

**7:00 a.m.**

**30 minutes**

**Guest/Topic: Ezra Young on Supreme Court LGBT Ruling**

This week on CounterSpin: A typically temperate Donald Trump decried what he called “horrible & politically charged decisions coming out of the Supreme Court” as “shotgun blasts into the face of people that are proud to call themselves Republicans or Conservatives.”

He meant, of course, the ruling stopping his administration (for now) from ending DACA, the program protecting hundreds of thousands of young immigrants from deportation—and, maybe even more so, the historic ruling from earlier in the week declaring that Title VII of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1964 does in fact make it illegal for employers to discriminate against a worker because of their sexual orientation or their transgender status. That 6-to-3 decision surprised and elated many. We’ll talk about how we got here and what it means going forward with civil rights attorney Ezra Young, whose litigation and scholarship center on trans rights.

**Conversations on Healthcare**

**July 3**

**7:30 a.m.**

**30 minutes**

**Guest/Topic: COVID 19: We’re in the Second Inning - According to Noted Epidemiologist Dr. Michael Osterholm**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Michael Osterholm, world-renowned epidemiologist, pandemic expert and Director of the Center for Infectious Disease, Research and Policy at the University of Minnesota. The author of *The Deadliest Enemy: Our War with Killer Germs*, Dr Osterholm has warned for years of the likelihood of a pandemic such as COVID-19. He extols the need for ongoing measures to protect the public health and front line health care workers through mask use, social distancing and tests, and the herculean scientific efforts to produce treatments and a vaccine.

**Philosophy Talk**  
**Topic: Pet Ethics**

**July 6**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

Many of us, even the staunchest animal activists, usually take it for granted that keeping a pet is morally acceptable. But regardless of how well we treat our animal “companions,” by keeping pets we are declaring ownership and paternal authority over other living creatures, and confining them to our homes. Is there any good moral justification for the keeping of pets? What makes some, if any, animals suitable as pets but not others? Do we have a special obligation to animal companions that does not extend to other animals? The Philosophers fetch Gary Varner from Texas A&M University, author of *Personhood, Ethics, and Animal Cognition*.

**Big Picture Science**  
**Topic: Animals Like Us**

**July 8**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

Laughing rats, sorrowful elephants, joyful chimpanzees. The more carefully we observe, and the more we learn about animals, the closer their emotional lives appear to resemble our own. Most would agree that we should minimize the physical suffering of animals, but should we give equal consideration to their emotional stress? Bioethicist Peter Singer weighs in. Meanwhile, captivity that may be ethical: How human-elephant teamwork in Asia may help protect an endangered species.

**Counterspin**

**July 10**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

**Guests/Topics: Jim Naureckas on Covid’s Preventable Nightmare, Clare Garvie on Police Facial Recognition**

This week on **CounterSpin**: It’s hard to understand how journalists can report Donald Trump’s repeated claim that the US should do less coronavirus testing because “with smaller testing, we would show fewer cases!” without following up with “and that’s why we’re calling for his resignation.” Trump’s bizarre delusions on Covid-19 aren’t just bats in his attic; they’ve driven a response that is nothing short of disastrous. He’s backing up the no test/no disease fallacy, for instance, by cutting funding for testing sites around the country, a move that, **Talking Points Memo** reports, local officials met with a “mixture of frustration, resignation and horror.” We’ll get an update on the preventable Covid nightmare, and US media’s approach to it, from FAIR editor Jim Naureckas.

**Conversations on Healthcare**

**July 10**

**7:30 a.m.**

**30 minutes**

**Guest/Topic: Front Line Warriors in Pandemic and Care Delivery: Dr. Susan Hassmiller on Impact of Nursing in American Health Care**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome Dr. Susan Hassmiller, Senior Advisor for Nursing at the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, and Advisor to the President for Nursing at the National Academy of Medicine. Dr. Hassmiller talks about the dramatic role America’s 3.8 million nurses are playing in addressing the COVID-19 pandemic, how the nursing profession is playing a critical role in meeting challenges in

primary care and health disparities, as well as her work crafting the Future of Nursing goals at RWJF and the National Academies.

**Grab-Bag Show                      July 11                      7:00 a.m.                      60 minutes**

**Topic: Program -Empowering Women: The Climate Solution We Don't Talk About**

As the global population approaches eight billion, humans continue to test the number of bodies that can fit onto a planet of finite resources. Empowering women through access to education and family planning may be at the core of establishing a healthy population balance, not just for the planet's sake, but for ours. So why aren't we talking about it more? How big a role can gender equity play in reducing our global carbon footprint — and who gets to decide?

<b>Philosophy Talk</b>	<b>July 13</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>
<b>Topic: White Privilege and Racial Injustice</b>			

“White privilege” has become a buzzword in discussions about racial inequality and racial justice. The call to “check your privilege” appeals to those privileged to acknowledge the various ways they receive special treatment that others don’t. But when white people explicitly acknowledge their privilege, does this do anything to further racial equality? Is talking about “white privilege” just a way to assuage white liberal guilt? Instead of unequal privilege, should we be more focused on equal rights? What kind of theory of justice is required to improve black lives? John and Ken check their privilege with Naomi Zack from the University of Oregon, author of *White Privilege and Black Rights: The Injustice of U.S. Police Racial Profiling and Homicide*.

<b>Alternative Radio</b>	<b>July 16</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>
<b>Topic:</b> White Privilege			

White privilege. What's that? White people have choices and advantages simply because of the color of their skin. Many whites are unaware of it. Peggy McIntosh, a noted women's studies scholar in her classic essay "White Privilege: Unpacking the Invisible Backpack," wrote: "I was taught to see racism only in individual acts of meanness, not in invisible systems conferring dominance on my group. I have come to see white privilege as an invisible package of unearned assets that I can count on cashing in each day, but about which I was "meant" to remain oblivious. White privilege is like an invisible weightless knapsack of special provisions, maps, passports, codebooks, visas, clothes, tools and blank checks."

<b>Counterspin</b>	<b>July 17</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Guest/Topic:</b> Jessica González on Facebook's Promotion of Hate			

This week on CounterSpin: A recent Washington Post report tracks how Facebook has accommodated Donald Trump, allowing him to post false, incendiary and racist comments that would get another person sanctioned. Facebook, the paper reports, “has constrained its efforts against false and misleading news, adopted a policy explicitly

allowing politicians to lie, and even altered its news feed algorithm to neutralize claims that it was biased against conservative publishers,” according to former and current employees and company documents.

It’s an incredibly important issue at a platform one-and-a-half billion people use, and that is, for many, replacing actual news outlets as a source of information. Activists have complained for years, but a current campaign is getting some traction. It’s called Stop Hate for Profit, and it’s the work of a coalition of groups, one of which is Free Press. We’ll hear about what organizers want to change with Free Press co-CEO Jessica González.

Plus Janine Jackson takes a quick look at media looking abroad rather than at home for the roots of Trump’s authoritarianism

**Conversations on Healthcare      July 17      7:30 a.m.      30 minutes**  
**Topic:** COVID-19 and American Indians: Dr. Donald Warne on the Devastating Toll of the Pandemic on Native American Populations

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Donald Warne, Director of Indians Into Medicine (INMED) at the University of North Dakota School of Medicine. A renowned expert on American Indian health policies, Dr. Warne talks about the devastating toll COVID-19 is exacting on communities of color, particularly American Indians, who already suffer the effects of long term poverty, health disparities and Congress’ repeated failure to fully fund Indian Health Services which has led to a huge burden of chronic disease.

**Big Picture Science      July 22      7:00 a.m.      60 minutes**  
**Topic COVID Curiosities**  
Some dogs and cats have become sick with COVID. But it’s not just domestic critters that are vulnerable: zoo animals have fallen ill too. There’s more strange news about the pandemic, for example scientists who track the coronavirus in our sewage, and computer models that show that flushing the toilet can launch persistent, pathogenic plumes into the room. And scientists have warned the WHO that infectious virus remains airborne. Also, how a shortage of glass vials could delay the deployment of a vaccine.

**Alternative Radio      July 23      7:00 a.m.      60 minutes**  
**Topic: The Fragility of Whiteness**

The great African American sociologist W. E. B. Du Bois in his 1903 classic book, *The Souls of Black Folk*, wrote, “The problem of the twentieth century is the problem of the color line.” Well, here we are in the 21<sup>st</sup> century and the color line and racial injustice remain front and center. Some white people have acknowledged racism as a major issue. Others when challenged are defensive and uncomfortable. The murder of George Floyd brought out multi-racial demonstrations against police violence and racial injustice. Monuments, statues and other symbols of oppression are toppled and Confederate flags are lowered. These are the first steps in a reckoning that is long overdue.

## 30 minutes

## Topic: Hate Speech and Disinformation Flow on Facebook

This week on CounterSpin: Just hours after Washington state’s Democratic governor, Jay Inslee, issued a statewide mandate for people to wear masks in public to discourage the spread of the coronavirus pandemic, a Republican county sheriff told a crowd gathered in a church parking lot, “Don’t be a sheep.” Sheriffs are particularly powerful, but generally overlooked in coverage about substantive changes to law enforcement, and even romanticized in a public conversation that imagines them on horseback, somewhat renegade, maybe taking law “into their own hands,” for, you know, the good of the people. There’s not a lot of data on who sheriffs are or what they do. A new study suggests that a conversation that excludes them from talk of police abolition and/or reform would be missing a critical element. We’ll talk about that void-filling data with Brenda Choresi Carter, director of the Reflective Democracy Campaign, the group behind a new study called *Confronting the Demographics of Power: America’s Sheriffs*.

## 30 minutes

**Guest/Topic: Addressing Toxic Childhood Stress with California's First Surgeon General, Dr. Nadine Burke Harris**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome Dr. Nadine Burke Harris to the show. Governor Gavin Newsome chose Dr. Burke Harris to be California's first official Surgeon General for her expertise on the impact of Adverse Childhood Events (ACEs) and their role in future health problems. They discuss how ACEs affect brain development and DNA makeup. Dr Burke Harris also talks about how the newly-launched ACEs Aware program seeks to provide a framework for early primary care screening and intervention to mitigate the long term effects

## 60 minutes

**Topic: Is Nationalism a Force for Good?**

From Brexit to “America First,” Modi in India, Erdoğan in Turkey, and Bolsonaro in Brazil, nationalism – or allegiance to a nation-state over other group affiliations – has been on the rise. Now, borders around the world are closed and the coronavirus pandemic is sparking staunch debate about the future of global governance and political identity. The nation-state has been praised for securing the needs of its citizens and serving as the most efficient form of political organization, while also criticized for being insular and inciting anti-immigration policies. Nationalism has been credited for both uniting disparate communities under a common culture and identity, as well as promoting violence based on race and ethnicity. As global problems continue to mount, does the 21st century require international leadership, or is nationalism a force for good?

**Big Picture Science**  
**Topic: Something in the Air**

**July 29**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

Inhale. Now exhale. Notice anything different? Our response to the virus is changing the air in unexpected ways. A pandemic-driven pause on travel has produced clear skies and a world-wide air quality experiment. And a new study reveals that hundreds of tons of microplastics are raining down on us each day.

**Alternative Radio**  
**Topic: Racism and Health**

**July 30**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

For more than a year the public was complaining about the drinking water in Flint, Michigan. The water was so pungent and foamy that one priest had stopped using it for baptisms. The state's Department of Environmental Quality, confidently announced, "Anyone who is concerned about lead in the drinking water in Flint can relax." Flint is a majority African-American city. In nearby Detroit, 85% black, schools are heavily infested with rats, roaches and mold. Might those conditions affect the health of an overwhelmingly black student population? In Baltimore, another largely black city, the levels of lead poisoning among children is three times the national rate. Racism is a big part of the social determinants of health. It's past time we acknowledge that and do something about it.

**Counterspin**  
**Guests/Topics: Diane Yentel on Eviction Crisis, Lisa Graves on USPS Under Attack**

**July 31**

**7:00 a.m.**

**30 minutes**

This week on CounterSpin: One expert, Emily Benfer, put it this way: About 10 million people, over a period of years, were displaced from their homes following the foreclosure crisis in 2008. We're looking at 20 to 28 million people facing eviction between now and September. People have to fight their evictions "virtually," since housing courts are closed—and if you don't have that fast internet, or don't get on that Zoom call properly—that's "failure to appear," and you lose. The impact of eviction, meanwhile, can be devastating. Making folks homeless in a pandemic is just a flashpoint of this country's affordable housing crisis—and a reminder that, as a new report begins: "Housing is healthcare." The report, called Out of Reach 2020: The High Cost of Housing, comes from the National Low Income Housing Coalition. We talk with Coalition president Diane Yentel.

**Conversations on Healthcare**  
**Guest/Topic: Pandemic: Dr. Zeke Emanuel on the Timeline for America Returning to 'Normal'**

**July 31**

**7:30 a.m.**

**30 minutes**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Zeke Emanuel, Chair of the Department of Medical Ethics at the University of Pennsylvania. A former advisor to the Obama Administration, he predicts the pandemic won't be fully brought under control until late next year, when an approved vaccine can be successfully deployed across hundreds of millions of Americans. He discusses his new book, "Which

Country Has the Best Healthcare” addressing the failure of America’s leadership to adequately address the pandemic.

## Grab-Bag Show

## August 1

**7:00 a.m.**

## 60 minutes

## Topic: Program -Outbreaks and Epidemics: The Role of Public Health

You know you've made it when you get parodied on Saturday Night Live ... by none other than Brad Pitt. And you really know you've made it when Pitt breaks character to thank you for your service. That was an honor recently bestowed upon Anthony Fauci, America's bespectacled top infectious disease physician, who's achieved rock star levels of fame in recent weeks. Usually, though, public health officials have much lower profiles. They're behind-the-scenes thinkers and doers, who help keep their communities healthy with initiatives like traffic safety, vaccinations, and fluoridated water. In the best of times, we don't even know they're there — but during disease outbreaks, their work kicks into high gear. So how did this field get its start? And what can we learn from past crises, starting with the yellow fever outbreak of 1793, through the AIDS epidemic, into the present? In this episode, we hear stories about the origins of public health; how the 1918 flu pandemic shaped the modern bathroom; and how schools and public health became a power couple

## Big Picture Science

## August 5

**7:00 a.m.**

## 60 minutes

**Topic: Skeptic Check: Know-It-Alls**

Think you're some kind of expert? Join the club. It's one thing to question authority; another to offer up your untrained self as its replacement. Rebellion may be a cherished expression of American individualism, but, from sidelining Dr. Fauci to hiding public health data, find out what we lose when we silence health experts and "go with our gut" during a pandemic. Plus, from ancestors to algorithms: how we've replaced credentialed experts with sketchy web sites and social media posts.

## Alternative Radio

## August 6

**7:00 a.m.**

## 60 minutes

## Topic: The Pandemic Wake-up Call

The news about the pandemic goes from bad to worse. The term another grim milestone in the number of infections and deaths has become almost commonplace. But at some point, hopefully not too far away, the crisis will pass. Where will we be? The world will surely be different. There is so much uncertainty. Kim Stanley Robinson, the well-known science fiction writer, says, “The future isn’t cast into one inevitable course. On the contrary, we could cause the sixth great mass extinction event in Earth’s history, or we could create a prosperous civilization, sustainable over the long haul. Either is possible starting from now.”



**30 minutes -**

**Guest/Topic: Marjorie Cohn on Portland Secret Police**

Some corporate media appear agog that militarized federal agents—deployed with a mission reflected in Defense Secretary Mark Esper’s comment that city streets are a “battlespace,” filled with what acting Homeland Security chief Chad Wolf called “violent mobs”—would go ahead and tear gas protesters in Portland, Oregon, even though Portland’s Democratic mayor, Tom Wheeler, was among them. Outrageous, sure, but we’re a bit beyond outrage now, aren’t we? While we wait to see if corporate media can decide which optic is an optic too far, we talk about the legal, constitutional elements of the fight for our right to protest, including against the very forces that are sent to police the protesting. Our guest is Marjorie Cohn, past president of the National Lawyers Guild, professor emerita at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, and contributor/editor on a number of books, including *The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration and Abuse*, and *Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral and Geopolitical Issues*.

## 30 minutes

**Guest/Topic: Dr. Eric Topol: What Lies Between Now and COVID-19 Vaccine**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Eric Topol, Founder and Director of the Scripps Translational Institute, and author of “The Creative Destruction of Medicine”. Dr. Topol is a renowned cardiologist and health data champion, and shares a harsh assessment of federal handling of the COVID-19 Pandemic in the US. He’s heartened by the many collaborations yielding significant scientific discovery around rapid testing technology and vaccines. He’s concerned the anti-science movement will undermine deployment of an effective vaccination program, once one makes it to the public.

## 60 minutes

## Topic: What does COVID-19 Mean For Feminism?

Eve Rodsky has spent almost a decade surveying women and men about who does what at home to understand how and why we divide up labor along gender lines--and how to shift it--she's talked with Economists, Psychologists, Historians, Neurologists and more. And she wrote a book called "Fair Play" that details exactly how to divide and conquer with your partner, the unending duties at home. I wanted to know if COVID-19 could be the inflection point that changes how partners divvy up the housework and childcare. We spoke for a second time in May, 2020

## 60 minutes

**Topic: James Baldwin and Social Justice**

Sometimes, we struggle to tell the truth -- especially when it's the truth about ourselves. Why did James Baldwin, a prominent Civil Rights-era intellectual and novelist, believe that telling the truth about ourselves is not only difficult but can also be dangerous? How

can truth deeply unsettle our assumptions about ourselves and our relations to others? And why did Baldwin think that this abstract concept of truth could play a concrete role in social justice? The Philosophers seek their own truth with Christopher Freeburg from the University of Illinois, author of *Black Aesthetics and the Interior Life*.

**Big Picture Science**  
**Topic: On Thin Ice**

**August 12**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

Water is essential for life – that we know. But the honeycomb lattice that forms when you chill it to zero degrees Celsius is also inexorably intertwined with life. Ice is more than a repository for water that would otherwise raise sea levels. It's part of Earth's cooling system ... a barrier preventing decaying organic matter from releasing methane gas ... and a vault entombing ancient bacteria and other microbes. From the Arctic to the Antarctic, global ice is disappearing. Find out what's at stake as atmospheric CO2 threatens frozen H2O.

**Alternative Radio**

**August 13**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes -**

**Topic: The Human Cancer in the Covid-19 Era**

A famous Russian revolutionary once said, “There are *decades* where nothing happens; and there are weeks where *decades* happen.” The pandemic certainly feels that way. We are in limbo. The uncertainty is bewildering. What can we expect? What must we do? There are no clear answers. Dr. Stephen Bezruchka presents a novel view of the novel virus. What if we are a cancer on this planet? The human species fits the definition of a cancer. We have practiced cancer denial and are paying the price with the world's largest number of COVID-19 cases and deaths. We need to honor and respect Gaia, our beloved and besieged planet. The recent global protests present the opportunity to collectively treat the human species cancer and hope for a remission. We need a new perspective on our life on Earth. Let the healing begin.

**Counterspin**

**August 14**

**7:00 a.m.**

**30 minutes -**

**Guest/Topic: Alex Main on Bolivia Coup, Carol Anderson on Voter Suppression**

This week on CounterSpin: US corporate media were in vocal support of last year's coup against Bolivia's Evo Morales. But they're rather quiet now that Jeanine Añez—who, in a legislative session without a quorum, due to the fact that many lawmakers were in hiding, jumped the line of succession and declared herself president—is putting off holding elections, again; and has said she is running, despite previous promises to the contrary. US media were frictionless transmitters for assertions of fraud in Morales' re-election coming from the

**Conversations on Healthcare**      **August 14**      **7:30 a.m.**      **30 minutes -**  
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**Grab-Bag Show**      **August 15**      **7:00 a.m.**      **60 minutes -**  
**Topic: Mental Health in Times of Crisis**

The COVID-19 outbreak is creating increased demand for mental health services — lots of people are feeling anxious, or are getting depressed. At the same time, traditional mental health services have been disrupted. In-person sessions are not possible at the moment, nor are group sessions. How are providers and their clients adjusting? We take a look at mental health services and what people are doing to stay well during these difficult times. We also hear stories of families affected by serious mental health issues, and why they say the system fails too many people

**Philosophy Talk**      **August 17**      **7:00 a.m.**      **60 minutes**  
**Topic: Can Streets Discriminate?**

City streets play an important role in our everyday lives. We commute to work, walk our dogs, meet our friends, and stage protests on city streets. In theory, streets are open for anyone to physically access. But do streets, by their design, actually discriminate against certain people? If so, who has less access to city streets? Is the design of our cities a political matter? Can we even talk about cities as being just or unjust by design? Or are they simply inconvenient, or poorly designed, for some? Josh and Ray hit the streets with Shane Epting from the Missouri University of Science and Technology, Co-Director of the Philosophy of the City research group.

**Alternative Radio**      **August 20**      **7:00 a.m.**      **60 minutes -**  
**Topic: Building Resilience in a Post-Carbon Society**

David Suzuki, the renowned Canadian environmental activist, author and broadcaster, says, “If you fly over a forest and look down, you’ll see every green tree and plant reaching to the heavens to absorb the ultimate energy source: sunlight. What a contrast when you look down on a city or town with its naked roofs, asphalt roads and concrete sidewalks, all ignoring the sun’s beneficence! Our economic systems don’t often encourage the most efficient and least harmful ways of providing necessities. They aim for the quickest, easiest, cheapest and most economically profitable paths. We can do better than that.” Indeed we can and we must if we are going to leave a habitable planet

for future generations. Yet as Dr. Suzuki observes, “We’re in a giant car heading towards a brick wall and everyone’s arguing over where they’re going to sit.”

**Counterspin**                      **August 21**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **30 minutes**  
**Guests/Topics: Neil deMause on Reopening Coverage, Nicole Porter on Covid and Prisons**

More thoughtful attention to the “how” of re-opening is necessary, but for that, you’d need to listen to people who actually know—and care—rather than constantly handing the mic to Mr. “It Is What It Is.”

Two Georgia teens were reportedly suspended for posting a photo of their recently reopened high school—students pressed together in a hallway, few wearing masks—and apparently the principal gave kids a threatening talking-to about saying anything “negative” about the school...like that maybe it was endangering their lives and those of their families. Expect more of these kinds of conflicts, and silencing attempts, as places make choices about what to reopen, when. Our guest says more thoughtful attention to the “how” of re-opening is necessary, but for that, you’d need to listen to people who actually know—and care—rather than constantly handing the mic to Mr. “It Is What It Is.” We’ll get an update on coronavirus coverage from freelance journalist and author Neil deMause.

<b>Conversations on Healthcare</b>	<b>August 21</b>	<b>7:30 a.m.</b>	<b>30 minutes</b>
<b>Guest/Topic: New York Times Science Reporter Apoorva Mandavilli On The Challenges of Covering COVID 19</b>			

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flintner speak with New York Times Science and Global Health Reporter Apoorva Mandavilli, who has been covering emerging discoveries around the COVID-19 pandemic. She discusses the rapidly-evolving science on how this novel pathogen spreads, the guidelines for sending kids and teachers back into schools, and the rapid development of therapeutics and vaccines to treat and prevent infection.

<b>Grab-Bag Show</b>	<b>August 22</b>	<b>7:00 a.m.</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>
<b>Topic: Code-switching</b>			

On Stay Human, code-switching and communication break-downs, how we manage to keep not hearing each other, or, sometimes, break through the language barrier. Stories from Leah Lemm and Matthew Miltich, plus Sam OG on when white people codeswitch.

<b>Philosophy Talk</b>	<b>August 24</b>	<b>7:00 a.m</b>	<b>60 minutes</b>
<b>Topic: Misogyny and Gender Inequality</b>			

With the recent #MeToo viral campaign, along with the wave of prominent male figures toppled for being serial sexual harassers or worse, the topic of misogyny has come into sharp focus. But what exactly is misogyny? And how does it differ from sexism? What

set of beliefs or attitudes makes someone a misogynist? And why does misogyny persist despite the fact that traditional gender roles are being abandoned more and more? Ken and Debra explore the trials of the second sex with Kate Manne from Cornell University, author of *Down, Girl: The Logic of Misogyny*.

**Big Picture Science**                      **August 26**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes**  
**Topic: Skeptic Check: Worrier Mentality**

Poisonous snakes, lightning strikes, a rogue rock from space. There are plenty of scary things to fret about, but are we burning adrenaline on the right ones? Stepping into the bathtub is more dangerous than flying from a statistical point of view, but no one signs up for “fear of showering” classes. Find out why we get tripped up by statistics, worry about the wrong things, and how the “intelligence trap” not only leads smart people to make dumb mistakes but actually causes them to make more.

**Alternative Radio**                      **August 27**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes** -  
**Topic: Guardians of Liberty**

The wheels of justice turn slowly. How long before Jim Crow laws were overturned? How long for the U.S. Supreme Court to recognize gay marriage equality? How long the wait times in immigration courts? And even when someone, or some cause, has its proverbial day in court, the courts have an uneven record in dispensing justice. The legal field recognizes the power exerted by major court decisions. But civil rights organizations, like the American Civil Liberties Union and others, point to the need for groundswells of civic groups to take bold and principled stands. An aroused and informed citizenry are the guardians of liberty.

**Counterspin**                      **August 29**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **30 minutes** -  
**Topic: Liz OuYang on Census Sabotage**

The United States has been conducting the census for some two centuries, but Donald Trump and his cronies have a new idea of how to do it that involves screwing it up entirely in service to a racist, nativist project.

**Conversations on Healthcare**                      **August 28**                      **7:30 a.m.**                      **30 minutes**  
**Guest/Topic: Surgeon General Vivek Murthy on the Toll of Isolation on America's Health**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome US Surgeon General under President Obama, Dr. Vivek Murthy, whose new book “Together: The Healing Power of Connection in a Sometimes Lonely World” examines the causes and harmful effects of the epidemic of loneliness in America and its impact on health. Dr. Murthy examines how the COVID-19 pandemic is amplifying this crisis, and how we, as a society, must address this issue.

**Alternative Radio**                      **September 3**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes** -  
**Topic: It's Time to Transform America**

Representative John Lewis of Georgia, an icon of the struggle for civil rights, social justice and equality died in mid-July. He was called the “conscience of the Congress.” His passing evoked memories of the March on Washington and the bridge in Selma. And attention on the struggles today: the new Jim Crow, the Black Lives Matter movement and the widespread demonstrations protesting the murders of George Floyd and Breonna Taylor. In the tradition of his mentor Dr. King, John Lewis was dedicated to civil disobedience and non-violence. His words inspire us to engagement and peaceful resistance. When he gave the commencement address to Boston University graduates in 2018, he said, “My philosophy is simple. When you see something that is not fair, not right, not just, then you have a moral obligation to say something; to do something, stand up, speak out.”

**Counterspin**                      **September 4**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **30 minutes** -  
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**Conversations on Healthcare**                      **September 4**                      **7:30 a.m.**                      **30 minutes** -  
**Guest/Topic: Pandemic XPrize Competition: Dr. Daniel Kraft on Quest to Leverage Tech and AI For Solutions to Address COVID-19**

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**Grab-Bag Show**                      **September 5**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes** -  
**Topic: COVID-19 and Climate: Implications for our Food System**

Coronavirus outbreaks in food markets, food plants, and farmworker communities have impacted food access and put a spotlight on food insecurity. Farmers are hurting as supply chains for fresh, perishable foods shrivel, while food banks have seen a surge in demand that has required distribution support from the National Guard. “Farmers saw a lot of increased demand direct to consumer, which requires extra labor, extra packaging - just so much time essentially creating a whole new business model,” says Lisa Held, Senior Reporter with Civil Eats. Will COVID-19 change our food system for good?

## 60 minutes

## Topic: The Merits of Meritocracy

For centuries, the promise of the “American Dream” has been that as long as someone buckles down and works hard, she can achieve her goals. In other words, we’ve perpetuated the meritocratic notion that the more effort one puts in and the more ability one possesses, the more success one can attain. But is this really the case? Given the historical and societal disadvantages that certain groups of people face, it may appear that a strict meritocracy could not—and should not—exist. So, is a true meritocracy ever attainable? And if it really did exist and were in place, would it be fair? Josh and Ray level the playing field with Jo Littler from the City University of London, author of *Against Meritocracy: Culture, Power and Myths of Mobility*.

**30 minutes -**

**Guest/Topic: Phyllis Bennis on Foreign Policy Visions**

This week on Counterspin: One of many disfiguring effects of corporate news media is the ingrained presumption that the United States, whatever its leadership, has the right, nay the duty, to intervene—with violence, with corruption, it doesn't matter—in other, sovereign countries, to suit its own interests...by which is meant the interests of the powerful, and not the vast majority. If the US wants it, it's "good," and you should want it too. It's tautological and obscene; yet accepting it, internalizing it—and dismissing or demonizing any who don't agree—is the price of admission to Serious Political Conversation in the so-called mainstream press. Which is why talking around their narrative is more important every day. We'll have a differently premised conversation about US foreign policy with Phyllis Bennis, author and director of the New Internationalism project at the Institute for Policy Studies.

## 30 minutes

## Topic: National Pediatric Leader Talks About Returning To School In Pandemic

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. Sara Goza, President of the American Academy of Pediatrics, the largest organization dedicated to advancing the physical, mental and social health of the nation's infants, children and young adults. Dr. Goza discusses how pediatricians can help inform the tough decisions families are making to keep kids safe while sending them back to school, the vital importance of continued well-visits and vaccinations for kids, and the policy agenda being promoted by the Academy to insure the health and safety of all children, including gun violence, poverty and social determinants of health.

**60 minutes -**

**Topic: Class of COVID-19**

Fall usually means the start of a new school year — but for millions of American kids, it marks the continuation of an extended limbo that's come to define their lives. With the pandemic, uncertainty, upended routines, and constant change have come to replace the

usual hallmarks of growing up — from school plays and sports, to proms and graduations. And then there are the smaller moments: hangouts with friends, birthday parties, and first crushes. How is all of this affecting kids? On this episode, we explore what it's like to grow up in the shadow of COVID-19, and how kids are dealing with the added pressures. We hear stories about what it'll take to return safely to school, what kinds of (life) lessons kids miss when learning goes online, and some of the unexpected ways the virus is affecting children's health

**Philosophy Talk**                      **September 14**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes**  
**Topic: Adorno and the Culture Industry**

What's your favorite movie? Did you watch that season finale last night? No spoilers! Popular cultures pervades modern life. But what if pop culture was actually more pernicious than we ordinarily think? Could it be systematically deceiving us—eroding our ability to think for ourselves and fight for change? That's what the 20th century German philosopher Theodor Adorno thought. The Philosophers get cultured on Adorno's life and thought with Adrian Daub from Stanford University, co-author of *The James Bond Songs: Pop Anthems of Late Capitalism*.

**Alternative Radio**                      **September 17**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes**  
**Topic: Trump, the Pandemic & the Election**

Remember the popular TV series – *The X-Files*? FBI special agents Fox Mulder and Dana Scully doggedly investigate unexplained, mind-bending cases known as “X-Files.” The show's signature line was, “The Truth is Out There.” We probably need Mulder and Scully back on the job examining recent comments from the current president about “thugs wearing black uniforms” boarding planes. “They are people controlling the streets. People that you've never heard of. People who are,” the president said, “in the dark shadows.” Whoa. Dark shadows? What's going on here? Seems like something out of the discredited QAnon or InfoWars conspiracy websites has somehow gotten into the president's head. The deep state is behind all his woes. Maybe the famous FDR line: “The only thing we have to fear is fear itself” should be amended to the only thing we have to fear is everything.

**Counterspin**                      **September 18**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **30 minutes -**  
**Guests/Topics: Heidi Beirich on White Supremacist Violence, Howard Bryant on Black Athlete Activism, Sharon Lerner on Plastic Recycling and PR**

This week on CounterSpin, we feature three archived but relevant conversations. In June 2017, we spoke with Heidi Beirich, leader of the Intelligence Project at the Southern Poverty Law Center, about the resurgence of white supremacist violence in the Trump era. We revisit some of what she had to say. Also, on the show: In June 2018, we heard from sports reporter and author Howard Bryant; he'd just written a book about African-American athletes and social justice activism, called *The Heritage*. We hear some of that conversation as well. And finally, in December 2019 we talked with reporter Sharon



Lerner, who covers health and the environment at the Intercept, about plastics recycling and the sketchy behavior of the industry behind it.

**Conversations on Healthcare      September 19      7:30 a.m.      30 minutes -**  
**Guest/Topic: Should I Send My Kids Back To School? Renowned Scientist Dr. William Haseltine Has Advice for Families**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter speak with Dr. William Haseltine, President of ACCESS Health International, a global health think tank. He is also a renowned scientist, entrepreneur, philanthropist and founder of Harvard Medical School's HIV/AIDS and cancer research centers. He discusses his two new books: A Family Guide to COVID: Questions and Answers for Parents, Grandparents and Children, and A COVID Back To School Guide which are continually-updating 'living e-books' offering answers to the many questions families have about how to navigate their way through the pandemic.

**Grab-Bag Show      September 19      7:00 a.m.      60 minutes**  
**Topic: Epicentro Latino: Spanish and English. Are We a Bilingual Nation?**

Hostest With the Mostest": Patricia Guadalupe :48 Report Alex Avila, executive producer of NPR's Latino USA. The piece looks at the phenomena of the English-only movement and how it has crept into even such iconic U.S. symbols, such as the national anthem. 5:46 Round table with Dan Stein director of the Federal for American Immigration Reform, FAIR, and Pilar Marrero columnist of La Opini?n, the nation's largest-circulating Spanish-language daily newspaper, who talk about the pros and cons of English-only 17:30 break 1 min 18:30 Part Two of Round table Discussion with Dan Stein and Pilar Marrero 30:21 break 1 min 31:21 Report Laura Illiyama, correspondent with Feature Story News, Deutsche Welle Radio. This report focuses on the use of racially inflammatory terms, such as "illegal aliens" and their acceptance by the general public. 35:37 Interview with Roland Roebuck, Afro-Latino activist, on the issue of Afro Latinos in the community and how scant attention is paid to them. 41:55 break 1 min 42:55 Interview with noted poet and author Ana Castillo, who talks about the use of language in her writing, and whether writing in both English and Spanish is positive or negative 52:32 break 1 min 53:32 Commentary Ariel Dorfman, who asks, what is wrong with speaking any other language besides English?

**Philosophy Talk      September 21      7:00 a.m.      60 minutes**  
**Topic: Citizenship and Justice**

Securing citizenship to a developed country could guarantee people enormous privileges and opportunities. Some condemn those who try illegally to reap the benefits that come with such citizenship. But are our ways of determining who gets to enter borders arbitrary and unfair? Should we grant border access to people born in a nation's territories, or also

on people whose parents were citizens? Or should we favor the highly skilled who can contribute the most to the nation? What is the most just way to determine citizenship? Josh and Ray cross the border with Arash Abizadeh from McGill University, author of *Hobbes and the Two Faces of Ethics*.

**Alternative Radio**                      **September 24**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **60 minutes** -  
**Topic: Capitalist Bubbles & Covid-19**

The world is at a crossroads. The COVID-19 pandemic, with hundreds of thousands dead across the globe and counting, has triggered a disastrous economic situation for millions. At some point, we will be in a post-pandemic world. What will it look like? More of the same old same old? Or can we imagine a different world? Where the planet and its people are nurtured and protected and there are no longer huge concentrations of wealth and grotesque inequalities. Can pressure from the streets break the iron grip of capitalism and create lasting structural change and a green new deal? Yanis Varoufakis says, “We can do it.”

**Counterspin**                                      **September 25**                      **7:00 a.m.**                      **30 minutes**  
**Guests/Topics: Peter Maybarduk on Covid Treatments, Kia Rahnama on the Right to Protest**

This week on CounterSpin: There is the fact that, back in February, Donald Trump was saying one thing to the public about the coronavirus while saying something else entirely in late night calls to a once-hotshot reporter. And there is the fact that the reporter chose not to share that information with the public until his book was ready to sell. Combined, those facts go a ways toward explaining the particular coronavirus nightmare the US faces, with a president who says and does whatever, public health and humanity be damned, and—where there should be a vigorous, principled check on that—a press corps that can’t seem to remember whose interest they’re meant to represent. We talk about seeing around the limitations of corporate media’s storyline when it comes to vaccines and treatments for Covid-19 with Peter Maybarduk; he’s director of the Global Access to Medicines Program at Public Citizen. They have a new report about the impact (so far) of Gilead’s monopoly control of the possible treatment drug Remdesivir.

**Conversations on Healthcare**                      **September 25**                      **7:30 a.m.**                      **30 minutes** -  
**Guest/Topic: CMS Administrator Seema Verma Talks Expansion of Telehealth, Development of COVID-19 Vaccine and Answers Recent Allegations**

This week, hosts Mark Masselli and Margaret Flinter welcome Seema Verma, Administrator for the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services under the Trump administration, a trillion dollar-a-year agency providing health coverage for 130 million vulnerable Americans on Medicaid and Seniors on Medicare. She discusses the agency’s dramatic transformation in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, including hundreds of waivers lifting restrictions for providers across the country, a swift expansion of telehealth adoption, and Operation Warp Speed’s quest to provide a safe and efficacious

vaccine for widespread distribution, once it is approved. She also addresses recent allegations around agency spending questions.

**Grab-Bag Show**

**September 26**

**7:00 a.m.**

**60 minutes**

**Topic: College in the Time of Coronavirus**

We tackle all the ways that college has been changing in response to not only the pandemic, but also to the changing needs and values of students. Plus, when cases of COVID-19 go up as students come back to college, who's to blame? Students? Or the schools themselves?