

WMUL-FM

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

October – December 2023

Newscenter 88		
Fountain Ceremony		
14 November 2023	11:50 am	3 hours
Complete live coverage of the 2023 Memorial Fountain Ceremony honoring the 1970 plane crash. The entire ceremony was broadcast live. Afterward, interviews were conducted with Alan Meadows, member of the Young Thundering Herd; Jeff Jones, his father was the sports director at Channel 13 when the crash occurred; Andrea and Steve Fitcher, attendees; Craig Greenly, keynote speaker; and Kaleah Yang, current student body vice president.		

Making Contact		
#35-23 - 230830 - 70 Million - Highway Robbery - How a Small-Town Traffic Trap Became a Legal Black Hole		
2 October 2023 18 December 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>This week on Making Contact, we bring you a story from our podcast partners, 70 Million titled Highway Robbery: How a Small-Town Traffic Trap Became A Legal Black Hole. About 20 minutes north of Birmingham, Alabama, on Interstate 22, is the working-class town of Brookside. Its almost 1300 residents make it about the size of a large high school. According to the 2020 census, Brookside's population is mostly White and 21% are Black. On paper, it's a lot like other small towns in this part of Alabama. That is, until 2022, when Brookside became infamous for, of all things, a traffic trap.</p> <p>Featuring: John Archibald, a Pulitzer Prize winning journalist; Sandra Harris; Town Hall Speaker 1; Ashley; Leah Nelson, research director for the Alabama Appleseed Center for Law and Justice; Bill Dawson, a criminal, and civil rights lawyer from Birmingham; Adam Danneman, the head of the Public Defender's office in Jefferson County; Joanna Weiss</p>		
#16-23 - 230419 - Toxic Tracks		
9 October 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
On today's show, we'll be looking at the environmental impact of the rail industry and hear from people in two communities currently impacted by rail-related contamination.		

In February, a Suffolk Northern train carrying toxic chemicals derailed in East Palestine, Ohio, and residents are still recovering from the disaster over two months later. Residents like Jami Wallace and community organizations are fighting for relief.

In Houston's Fifth Ward, residents have been living with the dire health effects of carcinogenic creosote used to treat railroad ties decades ago. Health officials have found cancer clusters in the neighborhood, where many have been devastated by the loss of friends, neighbors and loved ones. We'll hear a story from Living Downstream about the impacts to this close-knit community, where residents and organizers like Sandra Edwards continue to advocate for accountability and justice.

Featuring: Jami Wallace, Community Organizer and East Palestine Resident; Sandra Edwards, Community Organizer, Member of Impact Fifth Ward and Impact Justice, and Fifth Ward Resident

#45-21 - 211108 - A History of Traditional Root Healing

16 October 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
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In some parts of the world, traditional herbal remedies are the norm. When we think of natural remedies we tend to think of older generations living in remote areas, in faraway countries, with little access to modern healthcare. We rarely think about the ancient medicinal plants that might exist in our very own cities. On today's episode we look at plant and herb medicines through the lens of Michele Elizabeth Lee the author of *Working the Roots: Over 400 Years of Traditional African-American Healing*.

Featuring: Michele Elizabeth Lee, Traditional Healing Practitioner, Educator, Visual Artist and the Author of *Working The Roots: Over 400 Years of Traditional African American Healing*; Brandi Mack, Holistic Health Educator, Therapeutic Massage Therapist, Trauma-Informed Youth developer, Powerful Presenter, and Permaculture Designer; Estrella Davina, Holistic Practitioner

#38-23 - 230920 - The Shadow of Nuclear Colonialism

23 October 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
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The film *Oppenheimer* has reignited public interest in the Manhattan Project, the WWII-era secret program to develop the atomic bomb. But the movie leaves out important parts of the story. On today's show, we hear about the impact of nuclear colonialism and the Manhattan Project on the people and places of New Mexico with Myrriah Gómez, author of *Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos*. And then we dig into how nuclear testing during the Cold War led to dangerous and lasting contamination in the Marshall Islands and San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

Featuring: Myrriah Gómez, associate professor in the Honors College at the University of New Mexico and author of Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos		
#39-23 - 230927 - Inclusion on Purpose		
30 October 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>George Floyd's murder sparked increased attention toward Black liberation and by extension, racial discrimination. Institutions raced to check boxes for workplace diversity, equity and inclusion, but how do we know whether real work has been done?</p> <p>In this episode, two thought leaders around race and belonging, Ruchika Tulshyan and Ijeoma Oluo, discuss the finer points of how to create equity in the workplace. This conversation takes place at Town Hall Seattle and center's Tulshyan's book Inclusion on Purpose: An Intersectional Approach to Creating a Culture of Belonging at Work.</p> <p>Featuring: Ruchika Tulshyan – Inclusion strategist, speaker and author of the bestseller Inclusion on Purpose: An Intersectional Approach to Creating a Culture of Belonging at Work. Ijeoma Oluo – Speaker and writer, author of the New York Times bestseller, So You Want to Talk About Race.</p>		
#40-23 - 231004 - The Rest of the Story: Indigenous Resistance		
6 November 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>We revisit two stories we've covered in the past concerning indigenous rights. In the first half, Rebecca Nagle joins us to discuss the Supreme Court decision to uphold the Indian Child Welfare Act and why the legitimacy of the law is so important to tribal sovereignty. We also talk about the right's legal strategy in the last few decades and what that means for decisions at the Supreme Court. In the second half we hear from the Chairman of the Amah Mutsun tribal band, Valentin Lopez, about the most recent developments in their fight to protect the sacred site Juristac. The site was slated to be developed into a mine, but the tribe has continued to gain support from environmental organizations and activists. We talk about next steps and how you can get involved.</p> <p>Featuring: Rebecca Nagle: activist, writer and host of the podcast This Land; Valentin Lopez: Chairman of the Amah Mutsun Tribal Band</p>		
#03-23 - 230118 - Upstream - Workers Cooperatives		
13 November 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>On today's show we learn about worker cooperatives: what are they and can they offer an alternative to the dominant capitalist mindset? Our partner podcast Upstream brings us to a bike and skate shop in Richmond, CA that's providing a much-needed service to its community, while also empowering its own workers.</p> <p>Featuring: Doria Robinson– Founder of Urban Tilth, Co-Founder of Cooperation Richmond; Gopal Dayaneni– Steering Committee Member of Cooperation Richmond, Co-Founder of Movement Generation; Najari Smith – Co-Founder and Co-Owner of Rich City Rides Cooperative Bike and Skate</p>		

Shop, Founding Executive Director of Rich City Rides Nonprofit; Esteban Kelly – Executive Director of the US Federation of Worker Cooperatives; Gorka Espiau – Agirre Lehendakaria Center at the University of the Basque Country; Sofa Gradin – Global Politics Tutor at King’s College in London		
#42-23 - 231018 - Whose Point Reyes - Indigenous History and Public Lands		
20 November 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>Dive into the history of Point Reyes National Seashore in northern California with us. It’s one of the most iconic national parks in the region, known for rugged sweeping beaches and the famous tule elk. We’ll recount the waves of colonization that violently upended the lives of the Coast Miwok peoples who lived there – and one Indigenous woman’s struggle to preserve her family history. The story of Point Reyes is a story about how the forces of colonialism continue to shape the fate of public lands in the United States.</p> <p>Featuring: Theresa Harlan, (Kewa Pueblo/Jemez Pueblo), adopted daughter of Elizabeth Campigli Harlan (Coast Miwok), founder and executive director of The Alliance for Felix Cove</p>		
#44-23 - 231101 - The Promise and Peril of Geoengineering		
04 December 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>As we head into an ever-warming world, some experts and politicians are embracing a possible solution to climate change called geoengineering. Theoretically geoengineering could slow down climate change, stop it, and maybe even remove carbon from the air. It sounds like the perfect answer in for a global political system that just can’t stop burning fossil fuels even if it kills us all. However, it might not be the easy fix we’re hoping for.</p> <p>We talk to scientists and activists about what geoengineering is and why it could actually be a dangerous way to tackle climate change. We also dive into the moral and ethical questions of testing geoengineering technology on indigenous lands.</p> <p>Featuring: Basav Sen; Climate Justice Project Director at the Institute for Policy Studies; Dr. Steven Zornetzer; Vice-Chair, Governing Board of Arctic Ice Project; Panganga Pungowiyi; organizer for the nonprofit Indigenous Environmental Network in Alaska</p>		
#48-23 - 231129 - Gaza, Solidarity, and the Movement for Palestinian Liberation		
11 December 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>For weeks the world has been witness to Israel's deadly assault on Gaza. Today, we uncover the military corporations profiting from the war, and highlight the activism in every corner of the world in support of Palestine. We'll get insight on the conditions on the ground in Gaza before zooming out to look at Israel's military industrial complex and how the United States is enabling genocide, through policymaking and the defense industry. But activists are taking aim and taking action. We close with a discussion on the Palestinian liberation movement from an abolitionist perspective.</p> <p>Featuring: This episode includes interviews from Lara Kiswani, executive director of the Arab Resource and Organizing Center, Rami Almeghari, Gaza-based journalist, and Nora Barrows-Friedman, associate editor of The Electronic Intifada.</p>		

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#25-23 - 230621 - Powerlands		
25 December 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>On this week's Making Contact, we feature an extended interview with Ivey Camille Manybeads Tso, a queer Diné filmmaker and director of the award-winning documentary Powerlands.</p> <p>Powerlands traces how multinational energy corporations extract resources and profits while displacing and harming Indigenous communities around the world. The film follows Indigenous activists in Navajo Nation, Colombia, Mexico and the Philippines who are fighting back against corporations like Peabody Energy, Glencore and BHP.</p>		