

WMUL-FM

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

July – September 2023

<b>Making Contact</b>		
Making Contact - #19-23 - 230510 - 70 Million - Grand Juries - The Black Box of Justice Reform		
3 July 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>Grand juries are supposed to safeguard against the government charging people with a crime when it lacks sufficient evidence. But because prosecutors' control what happens in grand jury proceedings, they almost always get an indictment. That is, unless the accused is a police officer. This week on Making Contact, we hear a story from our podcast partner 70 Million about a case of police brutality in Dallas that evaporated after going before a grand jury in an edited version of "Grand Juries, The Black Box of Justice Reform?"</p> <p>Featuring: Parker Nevilles, Jantzen Verastique, Dondi Morse – protestors targeted by police; Ric Simmons, Professor, The Ohio State University's Moritz College of Law; Roger Rudloff, police officer; Unidentified Police Officer; David Henderson, civil rights attorney</p>		
Making Contact - #18-23 - 230503 - What the SVB Failure Teaches Us About Investment Banking		
17 July 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>The Silicon Valley Bank collapse brings with it memories of the wider 2008 economic crisis. Jeet Heer and John Nichols from The Nation join us to discuss the 2018 bank deregulations that set the stage for this moment and the risky investment strategy at the bank itself. They argue that bailout and FDIC's role in the collapse could set the stage for a dangerous economic future.</p> <p>Featuring: John Nichols, national affairs correspondent for The Nation; Jeet Heer, national affairs correspondent for The Nation</p>		
Making Contact - #20-23 - 230517 - The Nakba - 75 Years On		
24 July 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>This week marks the 75th anniversary of the Nakba, or the "catastrophe" in Arabic. It refers both to the events starting in late 1947, when Zionist militias expelled over 700,000 Palestinians from their homes, and the ongoing destruction and occupation of their lands. Today, Palestinians continue to commemorate the Nakba by reclaiming their history, resisting the occupation, and calling for their right to return.</p>		

<p>We start today's show with a story about how the desperation of life in Gaza under the Israeli blockade is forcing Palestinians to leave by sea. Then, we'll learn more about the history of the Nakba and the role that foreign powers like Britain and the United States have played.</p> <p>Featuring: Rami Almeghari, Gaza-based journalist and poet; Marie Choi, former Making Contact producer and host; Rabab Abdulhadi, founding director and Senior Scholar of the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas (AMED) Studies at San Francisco State University; Hasan Hammami, Nakba survivor from Jaffa, Palestine; Rashid Khalidi, Edward Said Professor of Modern Arab Studies at Columbia University and author of The Hundred Years' War on Palestine</p>		
Making Contact - #24-23 - 230614 - A History of Development and Disruption		
31 July 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>This week on Making Contact, we bring you a story of urban planning and how race has shaped American cities. In his book, Hella Town: Oakland's History of Development and Disruption, Mitchell Schwarzer explores the origins and the lasting impacts of transportation improvements, systemic racism, and regional competition on Oakland's built environment. Schwarzer, an architectural and urban historian, pulls from his experience as a city planner, and educator to tell the story of a city divided.</p> <p>Featuring: Mitchell Schwarzer is Professor in the Department of the History of Art and Visual Culture at California College of the Arts. He has written books on architectural theory, visual perception, and the buildings of the San Francisco Bay Area.</p>		
Making Contact - #25-23 - 230621 - Powerlands		
7 August 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>		
Making Contact - #38-22 - 220919 - Revolutionary Mothering and Reproductive Justice		
14 August 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
<p>In the mid-1990s, the Reproductive Justice movement was formed by Black and indigenous women as a response to the limitations of the "reproductive rights" movement. Movement leaders argue, "rarely do we find ourselves fighting for just one aspect of reproductive justice such as abortion rights" – SisterSong.</p>		

Dr. Alexis Pauline Gumbs, scholar and writer, joined us to talk about her book <i>Revolutionary Mothering: Love on the Frontlines</i> , her experience being a teenager during the formation of the Reproductive Justice Movement and what she's reading now to inform this moment.		
Featuring: Dr. Alexis Pauline Gumbs, Writer and Activist		
Making Contact - #29-23 - 230719 - Agitation to a System - Trans Resistance in Louisiana		
21 August 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
Hundreds of bills targeting the trans and queer community have been introduced across state legislatures this year – a new record. Louisiana, like many other states, has seen a slew of anti-LGBTQ+ bills this session. But the state is somewhat of an outlier in the South, and activists have been successful in pushing back against these types of bills in the past. Sophie Ziegler joins today's episode to show us what legislative organizing looks like in the state – and what it can teach us about the fight for trans rights.		
Featuring: Sophie Ziegler, oral historian and legislative organizer in Louisiana, founder and director of the Solidarity History Initiative (Segment Producer); Pearl Ricks, reproductive rights organizer and executive director of the Reproductive Justice Action Collective; Peyton Rose Michelle, executive director of Louisiana Trans Advocates and co-founder of locALL; Benjamin Franklin High School students		
Making Contact - #30-23 - 230726 - Criminalized Survival		
28 August 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
Journalist Natalie Pattillo and filmmaker Daniel A. Nelson created the documentary film <i>And So I Stayed</i> to raise awareness about criminalized survival, the criminal justice system's long practice of imprisoning survivors of intimate partner violence when they fight back against their abusers. Pattillo, herself a survivor, followed the stories of Kim Dadou Brown, Tanisha Davis and Nikki Addimando, women imprisoned for killing their abusers in a struggle to survive.		
Featuring: Natalie Pattillo, journalist and mother; Daniel A. Nelson, filmmaker and cinematographer		
Making Contact - #22-22 - 220530 - The Agony and the Ecstasy - Race and the Future of the Love Story - Part 1		
Making Contact - #23-22 - 220606 - The Agony and the Ecstasy - Race and the Future of the Love Story - Part 2		
04 September 2023 11 September 2023	4:30 pm	30 minutes
In 2019, a well-known romance writer began tweeting about other writers in her community and concerns about racism. It led to a huge reckoning within an organization called the Romance Writers of America, which is still unfolding. And although the online debate seemed to be isolated to a specific community of romance writers and their fans, it was really a microcosm of what's been happening all over the US. We learn all about romance novels and how newer writers are changing the norms of the genre and giving it a political power that		

it's never had before. And, we talk about what it means for organizations to change as they grapple with questions of race, including organizations such as ours, at Making Contact.

Featuring:

Jayashree Kamble, Professor of English Literature at La Guardia Community College; Contance Grady, Senior Culture Reporter for Vox; Shana McDavis-Conway, Co-Director for the Center for Story-Based Strategy and Staff Reviewer for Smart Bitches, Trashy Book; CJ Broderick, The Equity Project; Jessica Partnow, Interim Executive Director of Making Contact

Making Contact - #15-22 - 220411 - Unequal Justice - The Criminalization of Black Youth

18 September 2023

4:30 pm

30 minutes

Nearly two thirds of all children in the U.S. juvenile justice system are kids of color. That's according to a recent report by the Children's Defense Fund. In this episode of Making Contact, we'll hear from Dr. Kris Henning on the disparities faced by Black youth in the juvenile justice system. Dr. Henning is the Blume Professor of Law and Director of the Juvenile Justice Clinic and Initiative at Georgetown University Law Center. And she is the author of The Rage of Innocence: How America Criminalizes Black Youth.

Making Contact - #34-23 - 230823 - Mexicans Confronting Racism - Aztec myths to Modern Stereotypes

25 September 2023

4:30 pm

30 minutes

There's an idea in Mexico that racism doesn't exist, that all Mexicans are "mestizo" – a homogenous blend of Spanish and indigenous. But cultural worker José Antonio Aguilar says racism is lived by Black and brown Mexicans in many ways. He founded Racismo MX, an organization which seeks to dismantle racism, after coming to terms with his own racial reality as a "prieto" – a brown man. We also hear from anthropologist Ismael Rivera and Aztec expert Camilla Townsend as they unravel lies the Spanish colonizers told about ancient Aztecs that still feed racist tropes today.

Featuring: José Antonio Aguilar – Racismo MX, Founder and Director; Ismael Rivera – Anthropologist, Historian, Cultural Guide; Dr. Camilla Townsend, P.h.D. – Rutgers University, Professor